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SAM HITS BACK



By

SAM PAPASAVAS
Philips League
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The comments by Andrew Dettre in last week's "Soccer Action" about the PSL's limitation on transfer fees, were at best illogical.

Dettre argued that transfer fee limits had not worked overseas and could not work in Australia.

The alternative would be to leave transfer fees unrestricted as they are now, and therefore to leave the problem unsolved.

That would result in transfer fees skyrocketing as they have in England and Europe.

Putting a limit on transfers would not solve the problem completely, for as Dettre says, deals always are possible "under the table."

However, consider the example of a club slapping a \$50,000 transfer fee on a player and effectively putting that player out of the game.

That, surely, is not desirable.

By putting limits on transfer fees, we are making it more difficult for clubs to exploit players and in some instances, we are preventing players from being put out of soccer altogether.

No solution is perfect, but we must make an effort, and the step we have taken is a positive, and I am sure, an effective one.

Dettre also criticised the PSL heavily over things like "lack of direction, an ad-hoc competition with hazy guidelines, and rash, often emotional and irrational ineptitude."

Let's look at the real picture. The PSL now is in its sixth year and in spite of the knockers and the adverse publicity, the PSL remains the only worthwhile soccer competition in Australia, the only one that draws crowds of any significance.

We have managed to survive a difficult year in which Philips Industries reduced their sponsorship by 50 per cent and the national team's World Cup campaign ended in absolute disaster — not by any action of the PSL but rather because of decisions made by those people entrusted with directing the destiny of the sport in Australia.

In spite of all that, we have managed to bring our financial situation under control because the clubs were willing to make tremendous sacrifices during the off-season to meet their commitments. Andrew Dettre should look to the dedication of these people rather than criticising them.



Peter Katholos takes on a Fijian opponent in a World Cup qualifying game last year.

GLOBETROTTING KATHOLOS AIMS FOR LEAGUE TITLE

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Olympiakos, Arsenal, VfL Bochum, Preston North End... and now the championship.

No-one's been busier in the off-season than Peter Katholos.

The 1982 PSL title, he hopes, will cap what already has been a memorable period for him.

After trialling in Europe and touring England and Singapore with Olympio, he played in the St George's anniversary tournament during which Olympio drew with Hungary and Vojvodina and thrashed St George 5-0. Katholos scored three goals in the series.

"We'll go great guns this year," he said with characteristic gusto.

"Everyone at the club it out to make a good impres-

sion and, of course, to win the title.

"My own form has been good so far, although it always can be a little bit better."

"Mark Koussas, after his experience in the World Youth Championships, is putting away the goals he missed last year, and Graeme Jennings is absolutely fantastic. He's always played this sort of game, but he's brilliant at it now. You always know that if you give him the ball, he'll take on his man and beat him."

"And we're lucky to have Doug Collings as coach. He's kept the style introduced by Tommy Docherty, but he's also worked on

our defensive pattern to tighten us up at the back."

Katholos, who has played seven games for Australia, came here from Greece at the age of nine, so it was to Greece that he turned for a crack at the big time.

His first stop, however, was Arsenal in London. He trained there for a few days and manager Terry Neill offered him a standard four-week trial which carries with it the possibility of perhaps being signed and working up through the ranks of the reserves.

But when word came from Greece that Olympiakos was waiting for him, Katholos cut his Arsenal trial short.

After training for a while

with the Greek outfit, Katholos was offered a five-year contract. But if offered him no guarantee, and the contract stipulated the club could sell him for any price. Also, there was the problem of national service in the Greek Army. "They would have cut my hair and put me in boots, because I was born in Greece," Katholos says. "I wasn't really rapt in that idea. Also, five years is a long time. I might have liked it at Olympiakos, or maybe I might not have made it."

"I just wanted to sign for a year or two, grab a bit of money and try my luck, but they wouldn't be in it, so I left."

Katholos then went to Germany. An acquaintance in Sydney, who had played for VfL Bochum in Germany, was supposed to have written to the club, introducing Katholos. When Katholos walked in, however, no-one had heard of him.

"Can you score 30 goals a year?" they asked. "We're looking for a good striker."

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INTERNATIONAL SERIES PLANNED

The Australian Soccer Federation plans to run a repeat of the 1981 World Youth Championships in November.

And the Victorian and New Zealand soccer federations have joined forces to sponsor the tour of English giant Manchester City.

The ASF decided at an executive meeting at the weekend to invite the most popular of the 16 nations which competed in the championships last year to return for a series against Australia.

The Australian team would comprise a mixture of youth players and the younger members of the senior national team.

It would be the first step towards building a new national team for the 1985 World Cup qualifying games, and it would help national coach Les Scheinflug prepare for the next world youth championships.

Scheinflug was appointed at the weekend on a full-time basis for two years.

The ASF's decision to promote an international tournament was prompted by the success of the youth championships won by West Germany last year.

Manchester City, currently fourth in the First Division, will play Victoria under lights at Olympic Park on June 2, then head off across the Tasman to provide the Kiwis with an important preparatory game as their countdown to Spain begins in earnest.

VSF chairman Michael Weinstein and NZ's World Cup committee chairman Charlie Dempsey were the men who clinched the \$100,000 tour.

Scottish International Asa Hartford won't tour with City. He'll be required to take his place in Scotland's World Cup finals campaign. It's more than likely that City's million pound attacking midfielder Kevin Reeves will be called up by England boss Ron Greenwood.

It will be City's second "down under" visit. When last here in 1970, it defeated Rale Rasic's Victorian side 3-0. Mike Doyle, a long serving defensive stalwart now playing for Stoke City, enjoyed that match immensely, notching a hat-trick.

The Victorian line-up was: Jack Reilly — Doug Utjesenovic — George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine, Alistair Scott — Frank Micic, David Gorrie (Jock Goodwin 68th), Jimmy Mackay — Tommy McColl (Ron Frost 58th), Branko Buljevic, Billy Vojtek.

game's long expected "risorgimento."

This is going to be a long wait. So perhaps other avenues should be tried.

In the past week or so I have made some friendly inquiries about Sydney clubs and found that they would spend a maximum of \$10,000 a year on publicity and advertising; in some cases it's less than that.

This sounds like a fair amount of money — until you remember that their annual budget is \$300,000, perhaps getting closer to \$400,000. So

the clubs (pray do tell me this one or two exceptions) is done in that fashion. People who have absolutely no idea of the potential of publicity nor the technique of advertising and

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Publicity? What a laugh



Andrew Dettre

were a Robinson Crusoe adventure.

Yet, it's hard to blame these naive people! In most cases it's the clubs which should be indicated.

Many of our PSL clubs expect publicity to be generated by itself, through divine intervention. They must feel that soccer has a birthright recognised and respected by

the clubs (pray do tell me this one or two exceptions) is done in that fashion. People who have absolutely no idea of the potential of publicity nor the technique of advertising and

The greatest cliché of our times is "professionalism". The word is bandied about with gay abandon, with total disregard to its implications.

Every Jim, Jock and Jerry mumbles about "professionalism" in soccer and the crying need — it. What they have in mind is "not proficiency, not expertise," dedication — simply getting paid for the same lousy job which, pre-

Queensland crisis a lesson to PSL

By RICKY ROSSO

The utopian Queensland State League has been restructured because Mt. Gravatt, Easts and Grange Thistle found it financially impossible to carry on.

Easts and Thistles could not even vote at a recent QSF meeting because they were unfinancial members.

They claimed the rising travel costs were forcing them out and they had been pushed further into trouble because success costs money - and the three teams were the most successful in the past three years of the competition. With the exception of the poker-machine-backed Sydney clubs this in most cases proves right for Philips League clubs. A perfect example is last year's Philips Cup winner Brisbane Lions.

To bring the Cup back to Queensland last season resulted in an \$8000 loss for the campaign.

The three clubs proposed that each team pays its own travel costs as under the present system they felt they were subsidising the country clubs who flew twice as much as the City teams.

Ironically after they were kicked out, the QSF adopted the proposal - so the City teams will now pay slightly under \$7000 and Townsville about \$28,000.

Is it only a matter of time before the Melbourne and Sydney PSL clubs ask the Brisbane and Adelaide sides to do the same?

That remains to be seen but the real indicator for the Philips League in the Queensland situation is the open admission by official Ian Brusasco that, without a sponsor, the concept of a statewide league could not go on.

Air fares had risen to a stage where they had outstripped even the best fund-raising schemes.

Regionalisation of the State League was almost inevitable next year, the President said.

Brusasco proposed a Northern, Central and Southern League and a State League final series between the top teams. Everyone is saying it would be a retrograde step but things have happened too quickly for long-range plans to be made.

Without the constant competition from the stronger Brisbane teams, country soccer will lapse back to its old standards.

So too would some teams in the Philips League if it weren't for regular matches against the South Melbourne and Sydney City in the national competition.

Whether a similar situation to what has happened in Queensland could develop with the Philips League would be debatable. But last year's proposed NSW Super League with some

Sydney clubs wanting a centralised competition, does have parallels with the State League rebels wanting to return to the Brisbane First Division.

The funny thing about the controversial restructuring of the Queensland State League is that no-one really believed it was true.

Philips League clubs Brisbane City and Lions didn't believe they would be allowed to participate this year after trying unsuccessfully for two years and few were willing to accept that the QSF would really go ahead without last year's top three clubs, Mount Gravatt, Eastern Suburbs and Grange Thistle.

With the scheduled start of the season only about four weeks away QSF President Ian Brusasco is putting on a "everything is finally all right" face but the three banished clubs are planning appeals and legal action and every other club from First to Sixth Division are still unsure where they actually will play.

At a heated meeting the QSF constitution went by the board and the 10 State League clubs were named as Townsville United, Capricornia (Rockhampton), Across the Waves (Bundaberg), Nambour Reds, Ipswich United, Twin Towns (Gold Coast), Trident Valleys, Olympic, Brisbane City and Lions.

Mount Gravatt, Easts and Thistles were banished to the South-East Queensland League, a non-competition for reserve sides that has no promotion or relegation, while Twin Towns, which also withdrew, was invited back and last year's State Leaguers Mareeba and Wynnum were kicked out altogether.

A motion to get City and Lions into the State League was overwhelmingly defeated at the QSF annual general meeting only two months ago but after extensive lobbying from all quarters, a resolution came from the floor that there were extenuating circumstances and the constitution should be over-ruled to find a solution to the "deadlock".

City and Lions left the meeting laughing, and rightly so because their reserve sides will be in the next best league in the State, while the three "rebels" stormed out claiming the whole meeting was unconstitutional and decisions had been railroaded through.

While the controversy has had far-reaching effects for Queensland soccer, particularly its image in the eyes of the non-soccer following public, there could be lessons to learn for the other states as even the Philips League.



APFA's all conquering team of the sixties. Standings, from left: J. Provera (manager), George Nuttall, Pat Hughes, Ernie Campbell, Graham McKinnon, Fil Bottalico, Brian Taylor, Cliff van Blerk, John Watkins, Stan Ackerley, M. Massey (Coach). Front: F. Visano (reserve), Ricardo Campana, Archie Bill Kerklaan. Absent: John Giacommetti.

WILL APFA REGAIN GLORY OF OLD?

Mike Johnson

How good is APFA? Can it recapture its glory days this year under coach Willie Wallace?

Its first-up win against arch-rival Marconi was an encouraging sign for success-starved APFA supporters who have lived in the shadow of Marconi in recent years.

APFA's last sniff of success was in the old NSW State League way back in 1975/76.

Since that time beginning with its refusal to join the Philips League for financial reasons, the club fell into total decline.

It took a merger with the now defunct Western Suburbs and a back-door entrance to the Philips League in 1979 to re-spark interest among the pre-

dominantly Italian supporters from the inner suburbs of Sydney.

I experienced APFA's apathy when I took over for three and a half months as caretaker coach in the second half of the 1978 season.

At that stage, with the team placed eighth in a weak State League, the players did not even possess trackuits.

This from the mighty club which, along with Hakoah and St. George, had dominated NSW soccer in the 60s and early 70s, drawing full houses to the tiny Lambert Park ground at Leichhardt.

In 1979 the appointment of a full-time Scottish born coach in the well-credentialed Jim Adam heralded a belated appearance in the Philips League.

In 1980 a Scotsman with even better playing credentials, international Willie Wallace, continued in the full-time coaching position.

Now, after two years, Willie feels his team can win the Philips League.

Perhaps when he made this statement recently he was trying to appease the longings of his success-hungry supporters.

Whatever the reason, coach Wallace has put his broad brow in the way of the chopper.

Having watched his team beat my new State League club Bankstown (then coachless) in the first round of the Ampol Cup by 6-2, I do not see sufficient reason to commit him in print so openly.

Certainly his is a solid outfit, as it was last year.

However, I do not think it can match the talent which is in teams such as South Mel-



Willie Wallace

bourne Hellas and Sydney Hakoah.

Wallace does have history on his side. He was a player in the last APFA side which took out a major honor.

That was in his last season as a player when the former agile international striker had become a thick-waisted mid-field playmaker and occasional strongman.

Last year, when discussing coaching with Sydney City's Eddie Thompson, he made the comment that he was impressed by what Willie Wallace was managing to achieve in the way of 1981 results with APFA.

"He hasn't got much playing strength. He must be a good coach to have got them where he has," said Thompson.

Is the playing strength any better this year?

Despite the loss of Phil O'Connor, Wallace says it is.

I wonder.

There is a saying in soccer that coaches are only as good as their players.

This obviously often is the case, but it is also true that some coaches are only as good from players and teams than others.

I do believe Willie Wallace will need to wield a considerable beneficial influence over this APFA outfit for them to fulfill the expectations he has for them this season.

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Jim Shoulder

The Kimberley Clark company gave Australia's young soccer players a shot in the arm with its announcement, late last week, of a \$120,000 sponsorship for the soccer fraternity at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The institute depends heavily upon federal government grants but it has been registered as a company and part of its charter allows it to delve

into the private sector for sponsorship. The marketing wing of the institute approached Kimberley Clark which was most impressed by the soccer set-up at AIS.

The sponsorship is broken into \$30,000 a year over a four year term. The money will supplement the budget granted annually for soccer which is one of the lesser equipped sports at the institute.

While AIS has expanded, the federal government grant hasn't. AIS soccer director and former Soccerco coach Jim Shoulder welcomed the new sponsorship.

"It's the first time that the Kimberley Clark company has been involved in Australian sport and we're honored to think that it is doing a great deal to allow us to develop Australian youth," he said.

"Aidas will provide our lads with all their training match gear and Ron Smith, formerly Director of Coaching in both Victoria and Queensland, arrived last Sunday to take up his appointment as my assistant."

"He'll be a great help, believe me. I was coach, trainer, masseur, driver, father figure and office boy last year."

"We plan to tour the States this year. We play against the South Australian youth team in Adelaide on February 26 and two days later we face up to the West Australian youths in Perth. Then it's off to Hobart and Launceston for games against a Tasmanian representative side on April 14 and



Ron Smith

"Our immediate objective is to develop youngsters for Australia's assault on the World Youth Cup to be held in Mexico in 1983."

Soccerco coach Les Scheinfulg will watch all our games and stay over in each of the states working with the local lads.

Shoulder and Smith will have 18 boys under their care at AIS this year. Only five remain from last year's group.

Dockerty Cup

The first preliminary round of the Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday at 2.45pm.

Fixtures: Preston v Knox City, Thomastown v Ringwood United, St. Albans v Altona Gate, Fawkner v Morwell Falcons, Yallourn v Melbourne, Slavia v Richmond, Monash Uni v St. Albans, Ardeer v Nunawading City, Abbotsford Tassie v Kaysborough, Etham v Mornington.

The second preliminary round will be played on Saturday March 6, kick off at 2.45pm.

Sunbury Utd v Ardeer/Nunawading City, Ansett v Frankston Pines, Brighton v Bell Park, Prahran City v Coburg, Moreland v Werribee, Dandenong City v Heidelberg-Bundarra, Fawkner/Morwell Falcons v Monash Uni/St. Albans, Abbotsford Tassie/Kaysborough v Heidelberg United, Springvale City v Thornestown/Ringwood United, Kew Park Rangers v Port Melbourne, Yallourn/Melbourne v Preston/Knox City, Kellor v Broadmeadows City, Moorabbin City v Doncaster Rovers, Etham/Mornington v Rth. Dandenong, Slavia/Richmond v Monash/Latrobe Val-



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Heavy strip gets lighter for Nicolaides



Socrates Nicolaides weaves past Brisbane City opponents in a match for Hellas.



CRAIG MACKENZIE

There's a saying among Melbourne's Greek soccer supporters that the South Melbourne Hellas strip is the heaviest one to wear.

That's the literal English translation. The saying refers to the need for any new player to immediately perform well or else find himself sitting on the bench.

Socrates Nicolaides knows what it feels like to sit on the bench. Since he made his first team debut in 1977 at just 15 years old, he'd grown more accustomed to warming the bench than pulling on one of those heavy Hellas strips.

Now Nicolaides, 1982 style, is set to make light work of establishing himself as a regular first team member and it's in the unusual position of right back where he seems to have found his niche.

The sudden departure of regular right back Vince Bannon earlier this year paved the way for Nicolaides' inclusion.

"It was a shock to hear that Vince was joining Juventus in the Victorian State League," said Nicolaides.

"Vince was very loyal to Hellas, he was great at training, always giving it everything he's got and he always used to urge on us younger players. He was a great help to me. I remember Vince telling me that I've got to be much more aggressive. He's right. That's the area of my game in which I want to improve the most."

"Our coach John Margaritis had been grooming me for a full back spot and decided to use me to fill the gap left by Vince's departure."

"I had switched from my usual midfield role to full back just last year and played three PSL games as a defender."

"I find it much easier as full back. The ball always is coming toward you so you're always facing the play, whereas in midfield you're turning most of the time."

Nicolaides grew up at Hellas. He joined the juniors in 1971 and embarked upon a successful representative career a few years later when he played with Victoria's under-14s in the national titles in Gove, Northern Territory. State under-16 and under-18 honors followed.

At the national youth titles two years ago Nicolaides was one of 40 promising youngsters selected by Rudi Gutendorf as the countdown to the 1981 World Youth Cup commenced in earnest.

Czechoslovakia toured in January, 1980. Nicolaides was called into a training camp in Sydney to prepare for the youth team's game against Australia 'B', a curtain raiser to the clash between the senior Socceroos and Czechs.

The youngster carried a nagging back strain with him to camp, aggravated during training and although selected, was unfit to play. Nonetheless Gutendorf congratulated Nicolaides on being one of the 22 youths picked for the pending tour of Noumea. The back strain put paid to the youngster's high hopes. He as laid up for three months. As the pain diminished so too did his chances of fighting his way into the national youth team.

That setback hasn't dampened Nicolaides' enthusiasm for the game. Indeed, it probably fired his ambition.

"I'm more determined than ever before to finally establish myself with Hellas. Every player, to do well, needs goals to aim for. My aim is to be part of the Socceroo squad entrusted with the job of getting us to the World Cup Finals in 1986."

"That's a long way off though. Getting into the Victorian State team would be a natural stepping stone to national team selection. I've played for my State at various junior levels and I'd dearly love to play for the senior team."

"Granted, I haven't got much hope of getting into the State side at present. Hopefully, if I establish myself with Hellas, I can prove myself worthy of a place in the State side too."

Nicolaides is one of four Hellas first team players who came up through local junior ranks. Along with Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, and Peter Laumerts, Nicolaides has had to force his way into a side boasting big name imports from the UK and New Zealand.

"When I was younger I loved watching great players like Alan Evans. After all, he's played for one of the best club sides in the world, Liverpool, and he's a true professional."

"Then, when I was trying to force my way into the team, I must admit that the thought did cross my mind that local talent doesn't really get much of a chance with all these top class imports to compete against."

"But now, looking back, I realise that having to compete for a game against such big stars gives you extra incentive."

"I'd say that a few local players could really make it overseas. Alan Davidson could walk into some of the overseas sides I've seen. Phil O'Connor too, when he is in top form."

Hellas boasts an illustrious history in Victorian soccer. State League championships, Dockerty, Ampol and State League Cups plus countless other smaller prizes — none have been out of the reach of the successful Greek giant.

Success in PSL ranks has proved elusive though. At best Hellas managed second spot in the league. That was last year. The club's goal is to go one better in 1982.

"Every year we seem to say that we can win the PSL title. However, I'm really confident this year. Basically the team is the same as last year and we'll get closer this year."

"Sydney City had more depth than us last year. On top of that we had to play a vital away game against Brisbane City without Steve Blair and Alan Davidson who were needed for national team duty. And a few injuries toward the end of the season cost us a couple of points."

"Our president, Sam Papanavass, said that 1982 may be his last year at the helm of the club. He's done a lot for Hellas. He's brought top flight players here from overseas and we owe it to him to win the title. In fact, we must win it this year."

"We are a glamor club. We have Alan Evans and two New Zealanders, Steve Woodin and Grant Turner, who will be playing in the World Cup finals in Spain in a few months time. Jim Shirra is another quality player; in fact all our players are top class. We owe it to our supporters to make 1982 the year of Hellas."

"We've started well by winning the Ampol Cup. We have to go on from here and win the championship."

Not enough referees for new VSF set-up

Did the VSF board of management think about referees when it decided to restructure the Victorian Leagues?

If it did then it must have concluded that reserve team games can competently be handled by officials of the home club because there simply aren't enough refs to go around.

Four new, 14-team Provisional Leagues, playing on Saturday along with the Metro Leagues and one, possibly two, State League games, stretch our resource of men in black to the limit.

There were about 40 first-team games last

year on Saturdays. The referees were able to cover almost all of these games but at the half-way stage of last season only half of the reserve team games were handled by a recognised official.

It looks like referees in 1982 will be asked to handle about 54 first-team games on Saturdays.

How can they cope? Let's hope we don't have to rely upon club officials like we so often have had to in the past. Even the best-intentioned club official faces untold stress in trying to control players keen to take advantage of his seeming inability to enforce his authority.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

DUMPED CLUBS FUMING OVER BIG RESHUFFLE

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Spare a thought for Diamond Creek, Melbourne University, Parkmore, Balacleva and Postel Institute — five Victorian clubs dumped out of either Provisional League or District League ranks into

the Amateur Leagues.

Diamond Creek finds itself in Second Division of the Amateur Division, yet the club late last week announced a new \$7,000 sponsorship deal, the local council approved \$80,000 for extensions to social rooms and five contract players were added to the first team squad.

Yet the Victorian soccer public was led to believe that the upgrading of clubs in the recent league reshuffle was done on the basis of "pushing" so-called progressive clubs.

The question then arises — how progressive do you need to be?

If Diamond Creek isn't progressive then Victoria's four Provisional Leagues comprise some of the most progressive clubs in Australia.

Meanwhile, University of Melbourne has been given the green light to take legal action against the VSF.

The Sports and Recreation committee of the university has told the soccer club that it has full access to the legal service on campus and the soccer club is coached by a practising barrister.

"We are very upset with the

federation. For the past two years we have improved ourselves both on and off the field," said Eddie Fridell, club president of University of Melbourne.

"We weren't even told that we were going to be kicked out of the league."

"What hurts most is the lack of consistency shown by the VSF. If we were dumped because of the amateur status of our players then why didn't the same fate befall Monash University and other clubs whose players strictly are amateurs?"

University of Melbourne was carpentered by the Provisional League last year over its facilities. Since then the club has taken great steps to fulfill the standards required of a Provisional League club. Indeed, University of Melbourne now boasts one of the best grounds in the Provisional Leagues.

Another problem facing it is over utilisation of its ground. The club is now required to run two teams on the same day and it recently started a women's team.

"The VSF virtually is stifling soccer at the university," said Fridell.



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SENEKOWITSCH 'BEST COACH': KATHOLOS

Katholos told them they were looking at the wrong guy, and then it was back to England to link up with his touring Sydney Olympic team.

He played for Olympic in the 0-8 loss to Preston North End, the 1-2 loss to Manchester United and the 2-1 victory over Bradford. He also played in two matches against club opposition in Singapore on the way back home.

After a short rest in Sydney, Katholos flew back to England for a trial. Tommy Docherty had organised for him at Preston North End.

"I got there on the Tuesday and Tommy was sacked on the Wednesday, so that was that."

"I trained there a couple of days but the chairman was unhappy with me because he thought I'd be coming to Preston directly. That's the story he'd been given, but I'd never said that."



Helmut Senekowitsch

"Anyhow, the rest of the time I just trained by myself, I was over there for 21 days, and I was snowed in for part of the time. The weather was awful."

Katholos also tried to contact former Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf. "He was very hard to track down," he says. "We tried everywhere, but apparently he was somewhere in Africa."

From page one

Katholos, who turns 21 this week enjoyed his stint at Olympiakos under Helmut Senekowitsch who coached the Austrian team in the 1978 World Cup final.

"He's one of the best coaches I've ever been under," he says. "His approach, his tactics and his training were all new to me."

The basic wage for a player in Greece, he found, was about \$500 a month. Bonuses, however, could boost that figure to \$3000 a month.

Katholos and his friend Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas were the driving forces in the Socceroo's midfield towards the end of last year.

He is disappointed that no games are planned this year for the national team.

"Why waste a year?" he asks. "We've got to have games to make sure we have a good team."

He is, however, optimistic about Australia's 1982 World Cup qualifying campaign.

"There are so many good young players coming through now, that we can't fail."

Alan Davidson and I hopefully will be in the mid-field, along with Peter Raskopoulos if we all hold our form.

"Mark Koussas definitely will be the link striker, along with David Mitchell, probably, and Graeme Jennings should get a place on a wing if he keeps playing this way."

"In the back, we'll have Steve Blair who'll get better and better, and I reckon Jim Ziras has what it takes for the sweeper's position."

"And we won't have any problems in goal. Martyn Crook is a great keeper, Greg Woodhouse and Peter Wilson will be pushing for a place and Dennis Boland of Footscray also has strong claims."

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Schwab:

6. Whittle (Mak), 5.
McGachey (WA), 4.
Sumner (WA), 3. Booth
(WA), 2. Dunn (WA), 1.
McMillan (Mak).

BRISBANE LIONS 0
APIA-LEICHHARDT 4
(Giampaolo pen., Bradley,
Soper, Morsello) at Rich-
lands. Votes by Ricky
Rosso:

6. McAusland (APIA), 5.
Giampaolo (APIA), 4.
McLean (BL), 3. Bradley
(APIA), 2. Morsello (A-
PIA), 1. Soper (APIA).

HEIDELBERG 2 (Cole,
Selemidis) NEWCASTLE 0
at Olympic Park No. 2.
Votes by Craig MacKen-
zie:

6. John Yzendoorn (H),
6. Arthur McMillan (H), 4.
Reif Maier (N), 3. Don
Macleod (H), 2. Mason

(N), 1. Oliver (H).

WOLLONGONG 1 (O'-
Connor) SYDNEY CITY
HAKOAH 3 (Patikas 2,
Kosmina) at Wollongong
Showgrounds. Votes by
Knut Werner:

6. Clarke (SC), 5. Bar-
togna (W), 4. Robertson
(SC), 3. O'Connor (W), 2.
Adam (W), 1. Watson
(SC).

ADELAIDE CITY JU-
VENTUS 0 FOOTSCRAY
J.U.S.T. 0 at Hindmarsh
Stadium. Votes by Meno
Toutsidis:

6. Russell (AC), 5.
McMilly (AC), 4. North-
cote (AC), 3. Cozzella
(JUST), 2. Jovanovic
(JUST), 1. Marangoni
(AC).

ST. GEORGE BUD-
APEST 1 (Barton) CAN-
BERRA CITY 0 at St.
George Stadium. Votes by
Stephen Dettro:

6. P. Stone (St.G), 5. R.
O'Shea (St.G), 4. Barton
(St.G), 3. Davies (St.G), 2.

Milovanovic (Can), 1. Hos-
zowski (Can).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1
(Koussas) SOUTH MEL-
BOURNE HELLAS 2
(Evans 2) at Lambert Park.
votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Evans (SM), 5. David-
son (SM), 4. Raskopoulos
(SM), 3. Campbell (SM), 2.
Koussas (SO), 1. Katholos
(SO).

MARCONI 4 (Bozanic 2,
Silva, Jankovics) BRIS-
BANE CITY 0 at Marconi
Stadium. Votes by Roger
Sherack:

6. McCulloch (M), 5. Pi-
ccone (M), 4. Licata (M),
3. Conner (BC), 2. Janko-
vics (M), 1. Kelsa (BC).

Leaders:
11. Davidson (SM),
9. P. Stone (St.G), Yzen-
doorn (H'berg).

8. Northcote (AC), Rus-
sell (AC).
7. Giampaolo (APIA),
McMillan (H'berg).

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Figures in brackets denotes total appearances in this team.

CLARKE (1)
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McCULLOCH (1)
(Marconi)

P. STONE (2)
(St. George)

WHITTLE (1)
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I think the opening round of the Philips League gave the immediate and long-lasting views of both of these groups.

According to newspaper reports, just under 21,500 braved the sweltering conditions and watched the opening round. This gives us an average of around 2,600 a game which is very low indeed.

In Melbourne only 1,200 people saw Sth Melbourne Hellas play Wollongong just four days after Hellas had lifted the Ampol Cup.

When you consider the



GARY COLE

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fact that Hellas has an average gate around 5,000, then something is not right. Maybe the temperature had something to do with the crowd. It was a touch over 40°C.

Just up the road — pardon the pun — Footscray J.U.S.T. had less than 600 people watching St. George in its return to the P.S.L.

In Sydney, league champion Sydney City had only 1,400 paying customers versus Preston Makedonia.

The derby game between APIA and Marconi at Lambert Park drew only 4000 spectators. This would be about half of what was expected.

In Canberra the temperature rose to 35°C during the day but cooled to a warmish 30°C by kick-off time at 8:00.

pm. Only 2,500 — an enthusiastic estimate — saw a game which traditionally produces plenty of action and goals.

A crowd of 2,500 braved 40°C temperatures in Adelaide to watch a replay of the West Adelaide versus Lions Philips Cup final.

In fact the only places where close to decent crowds turned up, were Brisbane, where 3700 watched City play Adelaide City and Newcastle where 5300 saw the Raiders get swamped by Sydney Olympic. Strangely enough in both instances the temperatures were said to be only fine and warm.

This obviously makes the spectators' views on "Summer Soccer" quite clear. They would rather be at the beach or the barbecue than watching 22 lunatics run themselves into oblivion and then "walk" to the final whistle.

As for the players, we are quite unanimous. "Stick your Summer Soccer right up your Market Research!"

I would like to send my sincerest condolences to Steve Blair and his family on the death of Steve's father.

The Blairs are a soccer family and I know his father gave Steve a great deal of support with his cover and will be greatly missed.

Sunday D-day for high flying Hellas

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Sunday is South Melbourne Hellas's day of destiny — the day it runs all conquering Sydney City Hakoah at St George stadium.

A win to Hellas would promote it to outright early favoritism for the 1982 PSL championship.

On current form Alun Evans, Alan Davidson and Co. can overcome Eddie Thomson's classy Hakoah.

Hellas coach John Margaritis is a great believer in stability so he'll probably field the lineup which easily accounted for Wollongong and scored a meritorious 2-1 away win over adventurous Sydney Olympic.

Hakoah can't boast such an auspicious start to this year's campaign. A home draw with Preston Makedonia was followed by a 3-1 away win against Wollongong whose coach Ken Morton believed this his side outplayed Hakoah everywhere but in the final scoreline.

Nonetheless Thomson's troops have recovered their winning way. No doubt Hellas will find Hakoah a tough nut to crack.

In the corresponding fixture last season it was the free kick flair of Ian Souness which all but put Hellas out of the title race with Hakoah. However Souness will be missing from Sunday's lineup as he was sent off last week against Wollongong, the second Hakoah player sent off in successive weeks.

With small strikers Charlie Egan and George Campbell partnering Evans, the Margaritis match plan wouldn't involve too many high, lofted balls into the Hakoah area.

Razor sharp Egan and will o' the wisp Campbell will have to be at their best if Hellas is to grab two precious points.

The floodlights of Melbourne's Olympic Park No. 1 ground will be trained upon the outfalls of Heidelberg United and Sydney Olympic on Saturday night and a bumper crowd should flock to this inter-city Greek derby.

Heidelberg must start favorite. Coach Len McKendry and his players enjoy the wide spaces of the main ground and the fine playing surface.

IN MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG UNITED v Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park No 1, Saturday, 8 pm.

Footscray J.U.S.T. v Marconi (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

Sydney City Hakoah v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at St George Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

APIA Leichhardt v Preston Makedonia (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 8 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle KB v St. George (draw) at International Sports Centre, Saturday, 5 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE v Wollongong at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA v Adelaide City at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

This promises to be a great spectacle with Olympic's dashing wingers, the skills of Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos in midfield and Heidelberg's enthralling possession play.

Footscray JUST meets Marconi at Schintler Reserve on Sunday and the points should be shared.

Marconi supremo Domagoj Kapitanovic will be well pleased by his side's 4-1 thrashing last week of Brisbane City but he'll find JUST's safety first style hard to break down.

Free scoring league leader APIA Leichhardt may not have things all its own way against Preston Makedonia's pacy striking force of Rob Cullen and Dougie Brown.

Surely there's no more explosive players in the PSL than Brown and he's the man APIA must watch closely.

Makedonia can snatch a point here, provided there's not much room given to Tony Morsello and Seb Giampaolo.

Newcastle hasn't shown promise so far in 1982 and Frank Arok's St George should pick up a welcome point to continue its fine start after regaining its PSL status.

The International Sports Centre will house a parochial crowd keen to see KB hit the winning trial. However it seems destined for disappointment.

West Adelaide sweeper Neil McGachey had a fine game against Makedonia last weekend and is set to repeat the dose against visitor Wollongong on Sunday.

If so the home side should shut out Roy Cotton, Phil O'Connor and Glen Fontana, opening up the way for Steve Sumner and Alan Booth to provide the midfield drive and direction which should bag West its opening league victory of 1982.

Spencer Park is the venue for Sunday's Brisbane derby between City and Lions.

City looks to have the stronger squad although it was easily beaten last weekend.

The derby atmosphere should make for a tense battle and it wouldn't surprise to find the spoils shared at the day's end.

It's hard to see Canberra's disappointment continuing for long. In fact coach George Murray should be a happy man after his charges confront Adelaide City at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Gary Byrne and Paul Ontong should have settled in by now while Ian Gibson and Tony Brennan should crack Adelaide City's defensive core, weakened by the transfer of David Jones to South Melbourne Hellas.

Ajax — Croatia challenge

Victorian State League champion Green Gully Ajax and 1981 runner-up Croatia will play a home-and-away challenge tie.

The first is at Olympic Park No. 2 at 4 pm on Sunday.
The second leg will be at

Green Gully Reserve but no date has yet been set.
Curtain-raiser to Sunday's

game is a match between the Victorian under 14s and under 16s at 2 pm.

Croatia will have a dance at the Croatian Catholic Centre in Springvale Road, Springvale, on Saturday at 7 pm.

Hellas, Rovers help Blairs

South Melbourne Hellas has acted swiftly to help the family of Steve Blair, whose father died at the weekend.

Mr Bill Blair was closely associated with State League club Albion Rovers, so Hellas will play against Albion at Middle Park on Wednesday week at 6.30 pm.

Gate takings will be given to the Blair family.

Steve Blair, Hellas's young Soccerroo defender, flew back to Melbourne from Sydney when he heard of his father's death at the weekend.

Hellas was in Sydney to play against Sydney Olympic.

Clamp on World Cup Kiwis

If New Zealand ever qualifies for another World Cup, its players won't be snapped up by Australian clubs.

The ASF executive decided at the weekend that if New Zealand players are required for World Cup duty, they will not be registered in Australia.

The decision will not be put into effect until next year, so it does not affect the Kiwis playing here at the moment — Alan Booth, Steve

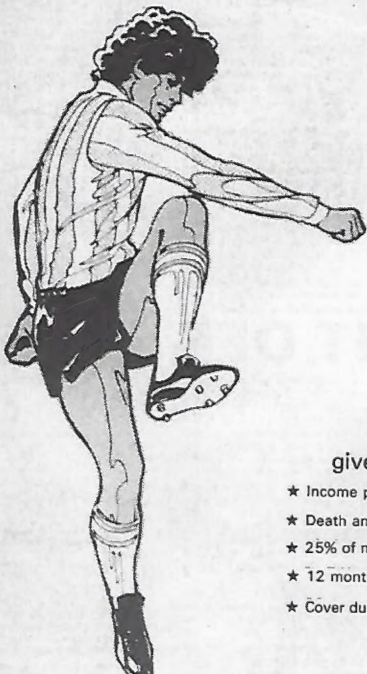
Sumner, Steve Woodin, Grant Turner, Glen Dods and Richard Wilson.

The ASF also decided that Australian Soccerroos would be registered with overseas clubs only with the proviso that they are released for World Cup duty.

The PSL finally won its fight for voting power on the ASF executive.

The ASF agreed in principle to amend its constitution to give the PSL one vote. Only State delegates have a vote at the moment.

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And yet, our clubs religiously believe that this small publicity budget will one day get them results.

The perennial excuse is, of course, the shortage of money. So if any skimping has to be done, it cuts into publicity funds.

Clubs pay out \$20,000 and more for a new player (twice their entire publicity-advertising budget) and offer con-

tracts worth more than \$10,000 to some players — and don't regard THAT as lunatic.

Tens of thousands are spent on other mysterious items which, in order to be kind, we can lump under the collective noun "entertainment."

And then, upon hearing suggestions that more funds should be earmarked for publicity, they throw up their hands in horror. A \$100 invoice can, in some clubs, sweep directors to the edge of hysteria and occupy a whole evening's discussion. True guardians of club funds they are.

A common mistake shared

by clubs is their almost superstitious belief that publicity and advertising should come "from the PSL."

But what is the PSL? It's two ordinary rooms in Sydney's Clarence Street, with one secretary and two assistants, basically a clerical clearing house which is not designed or empowered to generate ideas and spend funds.

It hasn't even got a part-time publicity man (neither has the ASF, for that matter) who could at least produce suggestions. The PSL office simply doesn't regard promotion as its job — and it has never been told otherwise.

Maybe it's the PSL execu-

tion then, which should accept this burden?

Maybe it should, too. But, so characteristically of our sport, the executive is broken up into tiny fragments with the pieces scattered interstate.

Most of their 'deliberations' are restricted to phone calls in between selling real estate, seeing clients and patients or doing whatever their job demands in true Australian half-baked fashion.

To make it worse, none of the executive members is well enough versed in the special-

ised field of publicity and advertising.

Indeed, several of them are barred by law from all forms of advertising; that's the nature of their profession.

So why are they expected to be publicity-conscious? Ironically enough, it's the 'trade press' (soccer publications) which suffers most from this bizarre attitude to publicity.

We are 'in the family', taken for granted, beyond the need to be courted, even considered.

Plus we are a damned nuisance. We love the game too much to gloss over mistakes and don't accept all of officialdom's decisions without a

critical assessment.

The dailies are easier to handle; soccer for them is often just a 'story', a banner headline, a few para about a player injured (not about the fit ones) or the innuendo of a coach and manager about an unspeakable referee.

It's the soccer Press which is usually the last cab off the rank in the advertising stakes and even then it might need this support more than anyone else.

And yet, one wonders where soccer would be in this country without the pulling power of the soccer Press and the foreign language newspapers.

All in all, it's time the PSL clubs woke up to the fact that it's them who have to spend more time and funds on selling their product, not a mythical body.

We all remember vividly the tremendous publicity campaign which preceded the Cosmos visit — costing probably more than \$100,000.

The result was a resounding success, the biggest attendance and gate takings in the game's history.

Without a very big publicity drive and generous budget, I'm sure the Cosmos saga would not have happened. It would have gone down in history as just another visit by some foreign team.

Heat no bother for busy APLA strikers

APLA 4
Brisb. Lions 0

Scorers: Giampolo 37th, Bradley 64th, Soper 87th, Morsello 73rd.

Ground: Richlands Stadium. Referee: Alan Kibbler 7. Crowd: Approx. 2000.

Conditions: Hot and humid. LIONS: Lowndes 7, McKimmings 6, Niven 7, Tuttle 7, Bennett 6, Burns 6, Hogg 7, McLean 8, Foris 7 (Daunt 65th).

APLA: Leichhardt: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, McAusland 8, Bradley 8, Pullen 7, Morsello 8, McGreen 7, Soper 8, Butler 7, Giampolo 8, Gray 7 (Hughes, 75th).

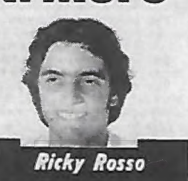
Brisbane Lions could offer little resistance in their 4-0 defeat by an in form APLA-Leichhardt at Richlands Stadium.

Despite 35-degree heat the strikers always seemed a yard ahead of the home side which put little pressure on the APLA defence.

Lions' only real scoring chance of the match came in the 14th minute when Steven Hogg received the ball after a long diagonal run to the box.

After cutting behind a defender and having only the goalkeeper to beat, his shot went wide off the post.

The only goal of the first half was a penalty awarded in the 37th minute after Col Bennett prevented Tony Morsello



Ricky Rosso

from hitting a loose ball which rebounded after his initial shot had been blocked — Baz Giampolo then made no mistake with the resultant kick.

The second half saw APLA's striking trio of Morsello, Soper and Giampolo open up their game to chase every ball pushed through.

The second goal came in the 64th minute when John Bradley controlled a cross from the left and neatly lofted it over the head of Lions keeper Nigel Lowndes.

From this point on APLA stepped up the pace and in the 67th minute Marshall Soper made a lone run at the Lions defence, waltzed past Col Bennett and slammed the ball home for the third goal.

Soper was again part of the action in the 73rd minute when his deep cross from the left found Morsello waiting behind the defence to slot the ball inside the near post for the fourth and final goal of the match.



Georgi Todorovski — here this week

Todorovski today, Fox soon to follow

Makedonia 1
WA-Hellas 1

Scorers: WA: Wright penalty 75th; Mak: Orlerton 87th.

Ground: Connor Reserve, Reservoir.

Crowd: About 4000.

Referee: Jim Faern 9.

Cautions: Booth (WA), Brown (Mak).

Sent off: Booth (WA) 85th.

Weather: Mild and windy.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Rainey 6, Petrovski 7, McMillan 7, Boech 6, Miranda 6, Flavell 6, Boyle 6, Whittle 8.

WA: Ward 5 (Orlerton 65th), Brown 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — Booth 8 (sent off 85th), Dunn 7, McGachey 8, Totsikas 7 — Honeyman 6, Doorn 6, Summer 8 — Heys 7, Brennan 6, Wright 7.

Georgi Todorovski, 27, the long-awaited midfielder or defender from Yugoslav First Division club Vardar Skopje, arrives today (Wednesday) to



Laurie Schwab

strengthen Preston Makedonia.

Todorovski, 181 cm and 77 kg, has played more than 300 matches for Vardar since 1970 and also in the Yugoslav Youth selection.

Irish left back Graham Fox will follow Todorovski to Makedonia shortly afterwards, and brilliant forward Claude Lucchesi finally renewed his contract with the club last week.

Despite the absence of breakaway forward Rob Cullen, Makedonia remains unbeaten after its first two games, against Sydney City

Hakoah, and improving West Adelaide Hellas.

There is a general air of optimism about the club, which is fully justified considering its depth of talent.

The midfield of Todorovski, Peter Boyle and Alan Whittle, who was impressive again against West Adelaide, will be one of the most experienced in the PSL.

West Adelaide also has cause for optimism.

The return of Neil McGachey from Para Hills has added welcome coolness and poise to the defence, and Steve Summer is proving to be an authoritative organiser in midfield.

Certainly the West Adelaide team is much better organised defensively.

The backs closed down players quickly and restricted space to the defence. Alan Booth has hardened the defensive backbone, but he is likely to play more games in midfield

than at full back, where he had a spirited tussle with Doug Brown last Sunday.

The first half was largely uneventful, apart from a header across goal by Gordon Flavell, an attempt by Graham Heys that was blocked at close quarters, and a narrow miss by Jimmy Wright after he had got past George McMillan at the edge of the penalty area.

Makedonia coach Peter Orlerton brought himself on to replace Gary Ward in the 65th minute — a move that was to prove a masterstroke.

A run by McMillan on Summer gave West Adelaide a penalty which was converted by Wright in the 78th minute to put Wests into the lead.

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'CHEEKY' BARTON SNATCHES LEAD

By STEPHEN DETTRE

'wrong' corner of the goal by St. George midfielder Mark Barton gave his side a narrow 1-0 victory over Canberra City.

With wave after wave of Saints' attacks being repulsed by the defensive Canberra, it was Barton's opportunism that saved the day for both the Saints and team manager Frank Arok.

On Friday night, Arok played a virtual reserve game side in the Ampol Cup match against JM United and Saints crashed 2-1.

Arok said he wanted to save his players for the more important Phillips League fixture — a gamble that paid off only

through Barton's cheek.

Until the 68th minute goal there was a nagging feeling that the Saints might just be caught on the hop by Canberra.

St. George was pushing forward, with Barton and captain Peter Stone in midfield, and Paul Wilkinson, Des Martin and Ernie Campbell up front.

But although St. George had possession it rarely created clear cut scoring chances and Canberra looked menacing on the counter-attack.

Possibly the best chance of the evening came in the 68th minute when a free kick to Canberra striker Don MacLaren.

After a quick attack, MacLaren found himself unmarked 20 metres from goal with only goalkeeper Mike Fraser to beat, but he screwed his shot wide.

Canberra surprised most observers with its cautious tactics, holding the ball in midfield and rarely using its explosive forward line of Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri.

Valeri in fact, never was able to get into the match, and was effectively bottled up by St. George's defence.

St. George quickened the tempo of the game in the second half and the effects on Canberra were marked.

The visitors started to wilt under the pressure of continued attacks and although St. George was by no means sparkling, its chances of scoring improved with every minute.

When it arrived it was well worth the wait.

Defender Robert O'Shea broke through from the back, beating two tackles before a free kick against JM United cleared the ball.

Unluckily for Canberra the spinning ball was picked up by the wind and landed in Barton's path on the left of the penalty area.

Controlling the ball he strode forward and just when everyone expected a shot to the far corner, he smashed a rising shot over goalkeeper Steve Hozowick's right shoulder and into the net.

St. George coach Frank Arok was the most relieved man at the end of the match, throwing his arms into the air in delight when referee Gary Power slew for full time.

Arok drew considerable flak from the NSW Federation for his decision to field the reserve team against JM United after he rightly claimed he couldn't be forced to pick his best team.

The St. George players rewarded Arok's generosity of sparing them from Friday's encounter by showing considerable aggression and method in their play.

With the addition of a touch of sparkle once Des Martin and replacement striker Les Lorincz are fully fit, St. George should be a handful for most PSL teams.

Canberra, on the other hand, was a totally different side from the one which played so confidently and finished so high in the PSL last year.

With basically the same team — minus New Zealand World Cup campaigner Duncan Croie — it spent most of the match defending.

The result means the three PSL 'country' teams — Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle — have started the season badly with two losses on the trot.

Thirds continue

Although the VSF decided to drop competition for third teams a couple of years ago, Metro Fourth Division club Moorabbin has continued to provide this important service to players.

Once again, Moorabbin will run its own Thirds League on Sundays and any clubs wishing to participate should contact Tony Morgan on 57 0349 or Peter Crawford on 598 0650.

Corbett seeks move

Juventus defender Doug Corbett is seeking a new club.

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McCulloch in dazzling debut

Marconi 4
Brisb. City 0

Scorers: Bozanic 2, Silva, Jankovics.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Bozanic 7, Prskalo 7, Henderson (Calderson 7 — 28th), Budini 8 — McCulloch 9, Picioane 8, Silva 7 — Licata 8, Jankovics 8, Hunter 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 5 — Perry 6, Dunne 6, Tokesi 8, Wilkinson 8 — Pimblett 7, Hamilton 6, Conner 8, McVaigh 7 — Kelso 8, Carmy 5 (Clockner 45 — 5).

Referee: Doug Rennie 8.

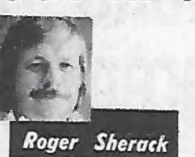
The new-look Marconi bounced back to form to completely dominate proceedings at Marconi Stadium against Brisbane City and run out clear winners by 4-0.

Brisbane City put up some token resistance during the first half, piercing Marconi's defence a few times through their big striker Barry Kelso.

Kelso was giving Prskalo, Budini and Henderson some headaches, getting close on a couple of occasions and "scoring" once, only to be denied a goal by referee Doug Rennie. In the referee's opinion Kelso used Bozanic as a "prop" to get to the ball.

However, apart from some spirited efforts by the big forward and some enthusiastic play by the ever-willing Conner, City always looked shaky.

Marconi opened the scoring ease to his time following a neat cross by Joe Picioane. Mark Jankovics' header was brought down some 10 metres



Roger Sherack

for a moment it appeared that Jankovics was going to take the kick. He ran towards the ball and went over it allowing Bozanic to send a hard, low drive towards Coe's left. Coe's dive covered the flight path of the ball, but somehow it slipped out of his hands and trickled into the net.

With time just about to expire Ricky Budini latched onto a McCulloch pass to race into the area, but was pulled back by Conner, giving Bozanic his second chance to beat Coe with a penalty. He did it expertly, sending Coe the wrong way to make it 4-0.

Marconi's win, goals apart,

Ian Hunter, Mark Jankovics and Renato Licata missed some easy chances before Jankovics scored with a superb header in the 61st. In fact it came from a fast break by Renato Licata; Coe dived at his feet to deflect the ball for a corner. Licata took the corner and Jankovics raced in to send a thundering header off the far post and into the net.

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was highlighted by some fine performances from their youngsters. Renato Licata, Tommy McCulloch and Ricky Budini were most impressive, with McCulloch shading the likes of Pimblett and McVeigh in midfield.

In fact, McCulloch played so well he has left Domagoj Kapetanovic, the Marconi coach, with an unenviable task — who to leave out next week assuming that Roberto Vieri returns to the squad.

Picioane has a fine game so did McCulloch and Silva.

He might play it according to the old adage which suggests that one shouldn't change the winning side.

Having taken the lead through Patikas's second goal, Sydney City struck again despite being a man short.

Ken Boden was brought down wide, the free kick was chipped in and John Kostina got to it ahead of Dun-

the ball home under pressure from Chris Dunleavy.

Until then, the score had been locked at 1-1.

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Phil O'Connor equalised before half time from a ball by John Fleming.

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Stuttgart draws

HONG KONG — West Germany's Stuttgart was held to a goalless draw by Peter Shorne's eastern before a near capacity crowd of 25,000 at the government stadium here.

The Hong Kong team, strengthened by Norwich City players Graham Padoun, Phil Hoadley and Mark Nightingale were very much in control of the game.

After full time, the two teams were invited to the penalty spot to decide a symbolic trophy. Eastern

Wollongong 1 Syd. City 3

Scorers: W'gong: O'Connor 3; Patikas 2, Kosmina.

Ground: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: About 4000.

Referee: Ken Small 8.

WOLLONGONG: Clarke 8 — Mullen 6 (Gomez 85th), Robertson 8, Spence 7, Cant 7 — Patikas 7, Soumies 8 (sent off 75th), Barnes 6 — Watson 7, Kosmina 7, Boden 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Verdareff 7 — Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Battoghe 8, Ainsworth 7 — Adam 7, Fleming 7, Gaffney 7 — Campbell 7, Cotton 7, O'Connor 8.

A moment of slackness by the Wollongong defence, just



Knut Werner

sent off, led to the downfall of the home team.

Souness got his marching orders after clashing with Phil O'Connor. A goal kick followed shortly afterwards and as the ball sailed forward, Wollongong's players were watching Souness going off to the hoofs of the crowd.

Given room up front, Jim

Sergio Marangoni - better than Vieri?



Meno Toutsidis
Adelaide C. O
Footscray 0

Crowd: 2800.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Weather: Fine.
Cautions: Malta, Manou (Adelaide City).

Referee: Graham Neal.
ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 8 - Russell 8, Perin 8, Flounders 7, B. Nykohus 8 - Malta 7, Marangoni 8 (Manou 65) Marocchi 6 - Villani 7, J. Nykohus 7, Northcote 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 - Milne 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondaris 7, Hazabent 7 - Jovanovic 8, Iliaski 7, Curovic 7 (Stojcevic 75th) - Cozzella 8, Vasic 7, Kojic 7.

Adelaide City unveiled new Italian recruit Sergio Marangoni and the powerful mid-fielder almost pulled the house down against Footscray J.U.S.T.

Marangoni, 26, is a skilful player in the Roberto Vieri mould, but quite possibly, a class better.

It is difficult to assess Marangoni because he is not yet fully fit and as a result did not play out the full game.

His deft touches and explosive running through, had J.U.S.T. on the verge of collapse early.

He would have scored in the twentieth minute when he did

all the hard work but then finished off the move by slamming the ball into the side netting from five metres.

With Marangoni firing on all cylinders, City dominated the opening. Brian Northcote saw a powerful shot saved by Dennis Boland after 12 minutes and seconds later new Perth 'keeper Willie McNally did the same when Bruno Cozzella tried to sneak in at the other end.

Having tested each other out, both sides opened the flanks and played some delightful, attacking stuff. But incredibly nothing came of the many raids.

Cozzella was presented with his second opportunity in the 30th minute but again was thwarted by McNally while just on half time, Zoran Iliaski hammered a powerful drive over the bar after some clever work on the left.

The second half was a replica of the first with both sides willing to come forward.

But while Footscray still dangerous, it was City which should have put the match out of Footscray's reach.

Brian Northcote, back to his bustling best, had the misfortune of having a head-on collision with the powerful defender while attempting a clearance.

Referee Graham Neal awarded City a penalty kick when Zoran Iliaski handled the ball while attempting a clearance.

The Footscray players protested and shoved Neal who tried to pacify them.

Fortunately Footscray decided to cool down although



Adelaide City's powerhouse import Sergio Marangoni (left), slide tackles J.U.S.T. defender Igor Hazabent.

Milne still was fuming as Buggy Nyskohus stepped up for the penalty kick.

To his delight, Nyskohus slammed the ball against the bar.

But he would have been much happier had Bruno Cozzella put away a good opportunity in the 81st minute when he again confronted McNally, but again was denied.

Cozzella easily could have had a hat-trick against City if it were not for McNally who became an instant favorite with the City fans.

So too has new stopper Neil Flounders, an English recruit who has stepped into David

Jones's shoes. With David Mitchell due back any day now, City does not look like becoming a chopping block as some cynics had earlier predicted.

Indeed if it begins to find the back of the net, City again could be sweeping up to the top of the tables as it did last year before fading.

Footscray, meanwhile, is the sort of team no one likes playing because it always is unpredictable and strikes just when you least expect it to.

It seems likely to have another fair season. But Cozzella will not want to have more Sundays like he had in Adelaide.

CULTURED HELLAS!



Ted Smithies

Syd. Olympic 1
SM Hellas 2
Ground: Lambert Park
Crowd: 8023
Referee: D. Nugent 8
Scorers: Evans 21st, A. Evans 40th, M. Kossas 58th.
Cautions: G. Turner, A. Davidson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC:
Wilson 7, Rogers 6 (I. Rowden 65), Scott 7, Ziras 6, Wilson 7, Raskopoulos 8, Kacholus 7, Redfern 7, Gavin 7, Kossas 8, Jennings 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE:
Hellas: Laumets 7, Jones 7, Shira 7, Nicolaidis 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Stevenson 7, Turner 7, Buljevic 81st, Davidson 8, Egan 7, Evans 8, Campbell 8.

The pre-match reviews suggested that this would be an entertaining game and that's exactly what both teams provided. It was a match that had just about everything you could ask for - from tremendous atmosphere to displays of excellent skill.

Neither team bothered to feel each other out and so the game started at a tremendous pace. In these early moments, Sydney Olympic really had South Melbourne Hellas back-peddling. It seemed as though there were twice the number of 'Olympians' on the park.

In this opening period Olympic had a number of good chances but lack of finishing let them down. Twice in the first five minutes we saw the ball roll across an open goal. On the first occasion no-one was in sight and on the second there were so many Olympians that they just got in each other's way.

In the 10th and 12th minutes they again squan-



Alun Evans

dered chances. The first was from a Jim Redfern corner from which an unmarked Ken Wilson could only pop it over the bar. The latter came courtesy of Mark Kossas who had done everything right in breaking downfield and getting inside the defence. But when he squared the ball it was straight to a South Melbourne defender.

When playing against sides like Hellas you cannot afford to give away so many chances. Unfortunately Olympic learned this lesson the hard way. In the 21st minute they found that they were down 1-0 and fighting to get back into the match instead of being the pacesetters.

The goal came from a George Campbell corner to the near post. From there it was headed on to Alun Evans who buried it in the back of the net with a crashing header. The goal was a real shock to Sydney Olympic but it was more so to their huge crowd of supporters who stood collectively and for the only time in the match in total silence.

For the rest of this half Hellas had things under control. Everything Olympic did was effectively squashed and their lightning-fast counter-attacks had Olympic in a sort of bother.

After the break, Hellas got stuck straight in and within minutes had made it 2-0.

This goal came from a George Campbell cross to an unmarked Alun Evans who neatly slotted the ball past a gaping and disbelieving Peter Wilson.

The goal was so simple in execution but this was a major difference between the two sides. Hellas seemed to always know the right moments for the complicated or involved plays whereas Olympic were always trying the most difficult either as individuals or a team. This was inevitably squashed by the efficient South Melbourne defence.

Despite this, Olympic had their chances to get back into the match and can only blame themselves for not coming away with at least one point.

They made the scoreline 2-1 in the 58th minute when Mark Kossas got the ball on the edge of the area and turned past three defenders before putting it away. Almost every one thought he had turned the wrong way but in execution it was clear that there was no way he wasn't going to score.

Olympic's chance to draw level came in the 74th minute when South Melbourne gave away a penalty in a scramble in the box.

Unbelievably Jim Ziras missed the goal completely. This was the end for Olympic and despite a spirited effort right to the end, they were never in the hunt.

Problems for Newcastle

Heidelberg 2
Newcastle 0

Scorers: Cole 46th, Selamids 68th.
Ground: Olympic Park No. 2.

Crowd: About 3000.
Cautions: Cullen, McClelland (Newcl).

Referee: Venios 7.
HEIDELBERG: Oler 8 - McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, Macleod 8, Yankos 6, Selamids 6, Taylor 7, Rooney 7 - Campbell 7, Paton 7, Cole 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8 - Curran 6, Mason 8, Sneddon 7, Tredinnick 6 - McGregor 6, Smyth 6, Maier 8 - Gemmell 7, McClelland 6, Stamp 6.

KB coach Ken Kaiser has a long haul ahead of him for the remainder of the 1982 season.

Kaiser is in charge of a squad without the depth and

quality needed to make any impact whatsoever in the PSL, with little prospect of better things to come in the near future.

Experienced Roy Drinkwater twisted his knee at training last week. Further inspection of the injury diagnosed cartilage damage. Drinkwater was operated on and will be out for about eight weeks just at the time his calming influence on KB's back four could prove most beneficial.

PSL life has been a continual financial battle for Newcastle. Kaiser and his club committee are committed to nurturing local talent. Not for KB the big name overseas imports gracing the home grounds of other PSL clubs.

Yet, against classy Heidelberg last Sunday, the visitors could be well pleased with the

efforts of 17-year-old Ralf Maier.

Kaiser employed a man-to-man marking system over most of the park. In midfield this tactic was most evident with Ian McGregor sticking close to Jimmy Rooney. Ken Taylor being shadowed by Trevor Smith and young Maier pitted against Theo Selemidis.

Maier did well against the experienced Selemidis. It didn't take long for the home side to pin KB inside the visitor's defensive half. Indeed for most of the first stanza, Heidelberg was well in control. Gary Cole and Jamie Paton continually made good runs off their opposing players and with a few exceptions the service to them was excellent.

Paton proved the most dangerous of the two. On three occasions he charged to the near post and neatly sidefooted the ball toward goal, twice missing the far post by centimetres and forcing Col Curran and Brett Gemmell into hasty clearances.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry described this first half as the most one-sided 45 minutes of play he'd seen in PSL soccer.

For all of its possession the home side looked likely to be forced into settling for a dead-lock at the break.

Until, one minute into injury time, John Yzendoorn intelligently played the ball early into the KB area. Phil Dando charged out from goal and threw himself at the ball, held it momentarily with both hands but let it slip through his grasp to the back post. Who should be lurking there but the all-time top scorer in PSL soccer and Gary Cole could hardly have missed from a mere three metres out. He



Craig Mackenzie

gladly slammed the ball away as the despairing Dando turned to watch the cruel end to his dreadful blunder.

KB started the second half as if its whole PSL future was at stake. It looked far more aggressive after the break and should have levelled after a few seconds. Heidelberg left back Charlie Yankos was all at sea for the first 15 minutes of this second half and little Gemmell took full advantage of the space afforded him by Yankos.

Yet far too often KB ran out of ideas just outside the Heidelberg area.

KB central striker Malcolm McClelland was busy at best. He was hopelessly outnumbered and whenever he was able to clearly win possession often he was forced to pass square or back. McClelland was confronted by Don Macleod, one of the most aggressive stoppers in PSL soccer.

KB's hopes of getting back into the game died 23 minutes into the second half when Cole and Paton made runs to the near post dragging three KB defenders with them. Selemidis arrived late at the back post, seemed to have missed with his first attempt to volley home Yzendoorn's cross then made no mistake a second time, neatly lobbing the ball past the helpless Dando.



Jamie Paton of Heidelberg climbs high above Col Curran to fire a header at Newcastle's goal. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Adelaide City sparkles

SA Ampol Cup with Meno Toutsidis

Dunn 7, Webb 7 - Jessott 7, Foy 8, Brown 7 - Dalglish 7, McAuliffe 7, Owens 7.

Adelaide City crushed Naarlunga 5-1 and now seems certain of gaining a place in the Ampol Cup semi-finals. It needs only to beat Port Adelaide in its final game for a berth.

It should achieve that fairly comfortably, particularly now that City has most of its stars back.

Meanwhile, West Adelaide has a far more difficult task.

It meets Azzurri tonight (Wednesday) at Hindmarsh Stadium and will need to win, particularly after Beograd swept aside Para Hills 3-0 on Wednesday to move to top spot in Group B.

move a clear two points ahead of the PSL club with one match remaining for each side.

Adelaide City took time to break down Naarlunga's defence in the late game. But once it did, the flood gates opened.

Buggy Nyskohus opened the scoring in the 10th minute with a penalty kick.

But Naarlunga surprised City with an equaliser in the 50th minute with a goal from Larry Sullivan.

Charley Villani put the PSL club ahead just 30 seconds later and notched another two goals in the half. Brian Northcote also got into the scoring act.

Beograd's win against Para

the moment David Leane put them ahead in the 19th minute.

Colin Evans and Djuro Arzina completed the scoring and left the young Hills side without any hope of qualifying for the finals.

Scorers: 3 - Villani (Ad. City), 2 - Marocchi (Ad. City), Caggiano (Crociati), Azzurri (Beograd) Northcote (Ad. City), 1 - Smith, Manolev, Bozok, Francis (Azzurri), Rerich, Bluta (Crociati), Foy, Back, Sullivan (Naarlunga), Panagis, Konstantopoulos, Moria, Calandaria (Port), Leane, Evans (Beograd), B. Nykohus (Ad. City), Brennan (West).

GROUP A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	2	1	0	1	5	2		2
Port Adelaide	1	1	0	4	2	2		2
Crociati	1	1	0	4	3	2		2
Naarlunga	2	0	2	5	3	0		0
GROUP B		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beograd	2	1	0	4	1	3		3
Azzurri	1	1	0	4	0	2		2
West Adelaide	1	1	0	1	1	1		2

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By ROGER SHERACK and PETER SCOTT

One must seriously question the rationale for continuing with the NSW Ampol Cup in its present composition and format.

There now have been a large number of double headers with entertaining encounters as rare as white cranes. This is reflected in the minute size of the crowds at most venues.

Summed up, the income is minimal, the competitive value to the teams — with PSL sides mostly using the games as trial matches — virtually zero and the media exposure for the sport and the sponsors usually confined to a few lines in the classified results sections.

However, in spite of all this, the Cup grinds on relentlessly with too many teams of weak quality, in round robin groups of interminable length.

There are realistic alternative options, for instance:

- Restricting the number of teams to the top eight or 16 (including PSL clubs);
- Dispensing with the present cumbersome system and reverting to the long abandoned direct knock-out method; and
- Playing all matches under lights, on week nights.

These simple measures immediately would lift the quality of the competition, infuse it with the excitement of real Cup football, be the hallmark of the Ampol Cup in its early years and avoid clashes with PSL fixtures on the weekends.

Failing some action on these or similar lines, the Ampol Cup will continue to be a soccer backwater, watched by a handful of girlfriends and wives on most occasions, producing football of a quality which does not justify the \$4 entrance fee.

Rockdale 1 Sutherland 1

Scorers, Rockdale: O'Rourke; **Sutherland:** Groome. **SUTHERLAND:** Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Harrington, Groome, Scherfager, Moodie, Watkins, Clinch, T. Bush, Murphy (Rogers). **ROCKDALE:** Kotzchamps (Katsivelas), Matheson, O'Rourke, Pilovski, Graham, Apley, (Minutolo), De Costa,

Trajanovski, Martin, Sultana, Wilson.

Following Rockdale-Ilinden's amalgamation with North Sydney Inter, things have changed drastically at the club. The team has featured immediate changes, least of all being one at the top where we now have not only Archie Blue but Kaz Kulak.

They say that two heads are better than one.

Well, if the result of this game is any indication then it surely is true. Sutherland was on top for most of the game and should have won comfortably, but alas, in goal for Rockdale stood Kotzchamps, the lad who had some strange ideas of how to treat the Cup holders. He made some superb saves, and when he was beaten, the ball either would hit the woodwork or miss the post.

Nigel Groome managed to put Sutherland into the lead with a well-measured shot from the edge of the box, but Jay O'Rourke made it 1:1 some six minutes later.

All efforts by Sutherland to grab a winner close to the end were in vain as Bill Pilovski led a very well organised defence.

JM Utd. 3 St George 1

Scorers, JM Utd: Heywood 2, Kennedy. **St Geo:** McIntosh.

ST GEORGE: Greedy (Polbedetto), Paul, Rylands, McDonald, Terry, Papes, J. O'Shea, Kocka, Colgall, McIntosh, Stack (Martoni).

JM UNITED: Caprio, Francis, De Angelis, Tullawa (Kabalawa), Santolin, Lawler, Link, Valeri, Heywood, Johns, Decker (Kennedy).

Referee: Tony Boskovic.

Paul Heywood continued where he left off last year to score two goals in JM Utd's third round match and sink St George — the new addition to the PSL — but the 3-1 scoreline does not reflect a true result nor the true difference between the two sides.

Frank Arok and his St George team stayed away from this fixture, but since Saints had to front JM Utd.

Despite this setback Saints appeared to hold territorial advantage over JM Utd, but failed to convert a number of opportunities which came their way.

Why was Saints' first team missing? "Simple," comments Arok, "Our first home game in the PSL is only

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Results of round 3 matches:

Wollongong-Bankstown 5-0; **O'Connor 2, Fleming, Adam Rootsey** (og), **Olympic-Avala** 2-0.

Leichhardt-Manly 1-1; **Bradley (L), P. Faulkner (M).**

Sydney City-Auburn 3-1; **Koskila 2, Patikas (SC), Pondekas (Aub).**

JM United-Canterbury 4-0; **Hunter 2, Bozanik, Liotta (M).**

Riverwood-Yugal 2-0; **Butcher, Rydstand.**

Sutherland-Ilinden Inter 1-1; **Groome (S), O'Rourke (I).**

40 hours away and I am being asked to risk my players so close to such an important game. It is out of the question.

And it was out of the question! To make matters worse for St George, their replacement keeper Terry Greedy was injured in the very first minute of the game, and stayed on the park for another 10 minutes before being replaced, which throws serious doubt about his eligibility to be selected for Sunday's game.

It was Wollongong whose poor back pass to Greedy set the stage for JM Utd's first goal. His pass was short and Heywood nipped in to collect the ball before rounding Greedy to score. While attempting to dive at Heywood's feet, Greedy twisted his ankle and was only a passenger in goal for the next 10 minutes.

He was late in going for the ball in the 10th minute following a free kick by JM Utd.

Heywood made it 2-0 in the 10th minute but he was under the impression that Greedy, had he been fit, could have done a little earlier to block the shot.

Saints came back following one of the best moves of the match. The ball travelled from right to left before being centred for Saints to hit a first timer, towards JM Utd's goal. The keeper failed to hold the ball and McIntosh was on hand to make it 2-1.

Saints continued to attack following this goal, but against the run of play, JM Utd scored its third goal. Saints' outside play didn't work for once and Kennedy burst through to score a runaway goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

Saints' "assistant" manager, Frank Arok, replaced Stack with Des Marton, hoping that last year's

Marconi.....2 2 0 0 7 1 4
Blacktown.....2 2 0 0 5 1 4
Canterbury 3 1 0 2 4 5 2
Riverwood 2 1 0 1 3 4 2
Yugal.....3 0 0 3 1 9 0

GROUP B
Leichhardt 3 1 2 0 8 4 4
Wollongong.....2 1 1 0 6 1 3
Manly.....2 1 1 0 3 1 3
Polonia.....2 1 0 1 3 2 2
Auburn.....3 0 0 3 1 6 0

GROUP C
Croftle.....2 2 0 0 2 0 4
Sydney City 2 1 1 0 3 1 3
St George.....3 1 1 1 3 3 3
JM United.....2 1 0 1 3 2 2
Auburn.....3 0 0 3 1 6 0

GROUP D
Sydney Olympic.....2 2 0 0 8 1 4

top goalscorer would do his "stuff," but it was far too late for Saints to bridge the gap, with Marton making only a token contribution to Saints' attack.

Riverwood 2 Yugal 0

Goals: Butcher, Rydstand. **RIVERWOOD:** Glasbourne, Berry, Butcher, Smith, Coates (Dobson), McRorie (Rydstand), Tracey, Stoddart, Kumsay, Parker, Walker.

YUGAL: Barry, Randall, Cummings, Bonecke, Agostini, Mihajlovic, Rodas, Tanoski, Babian (Travini), McGrath (Caldarevic), Bokodera.

A goal in each half was sufficient for Riverwood to celebrate its first taste of victory in this year's Ampol Cup and send Yugal down to the bottom of the ladder in Group A.

Lacklustre performance by both sides had spectators in a semi-coma, wondering what the hell was going on in the middle of the park.

A goal by Butcher, following a corner kick from the right and an attempt by Andy Tracey to score, raised a couple of cheers, then they subsided again till Rydstand's second goal in a cross from Johnny Stoddart to tap home Riverwood's

Yugal, despite defeat, looked solid and at times capable of scoring, but for their over enthusiasm about 1000 passes before shooting. Berry, Rodas and Tanoski had solid games for Yugal, the team we are sure is not going to go for the wooden spoon as some people seem to think.

Malta Eagles 2 1 0 0 5 3
Avala.....3 1 0 2 4 6 2
Sutherland 2 0 2 0 4 4 2
Ilinden-Inter 3 1 0 2 3 9 1

24 Feb. 1982 St George Stadium: 5.45 Sutherland-Sydney Olympic, 8.30 Croftle-St George.

Marconi Stadium: 6.45 JM United-Sydney City, 8.30 Riverwood-Marconi.

26 Feb. 1982, Malta Stadium: 6.45 Manly-Wollongong, 8.30 Polonia-Leichhardt.

28 Feb. 1982, Gable Stadium: 2.45 Blacktown-Yugal, 4.30 Malta-Ilinden Inter.

Syd. Olympic 2 Avala 0

Goals: Wilson, Koussas. **OLYMPIC:** Meier, Rogers, Ziras, Wilson, Scott, Raskopoulos (Phillips), Katholos, Redfern, Gavin, Koussas, Jennings.

AVALA: Wotton, J. Fernandez, Gagic, Vuljovic, Barton, Golic, Dolar, Djuric, Nedlic, (Nitya), Patterson, Milne, Lembray, Kodor.

Referee: Doug Rennie.

Following their great effort against Newcastle in the first round of the PSL, Sydney Olympic were tipped to slaughter Avala by a cricket score.

However, Steve Lalic and his mates had other ideas. They played some attractive soccer to completely blot out Olympic for almost an hour then sank, after an unusual error by their keeper Mitch Wotton.

With 10 minutes remaining, Kenny Wilson rose high to nod it past Wotton following a corner kick by Jennings and the game was all but over. Mark Koussas made it 2-0 a couple of minutes later to put the stamp of approval on the result, but had Wotton reacted quicker following a corner kick by Jennings, who knew his side could have looked different at the end.

Avala looked strong with Djuric, Barton, Lembray and Patterson

Wollongong 5 Bankstown 0

Goals: Fleming, Adam, O'Connor 2, Rootsey. **WOLLONGONG:** Vardareff, Willis, Almsworth (Hristovski), Dunleavy, Bertogna, Adam, Fleming, Kerr, Campbell (Morland), O'Connor, Cotton.

BANKSTOWN: Lowenstein, Blackburn (Shila), Beck (Siret), Rootsey, Jones, Drain, Wilmott, Dalton, Brown, Bugle, Gilligan.

Referee: Davies.

Wollongong overran Bankstown to inflict the third straight hammering of Mike Johnson's men, but despite the scoreline the South-easterners never showed the class of a top PSL unit.

For the first 35 minutes it was one big yawn, with neither team able to penetrate. Then came a goal by John Fleming almost straight after the opening bell for the second half and Bankstown decided simply to give up.

Lee Adams added another, Phil O'Connor chimed in with two while Chris Rootsey "got in the way" and added the fifth.

Mike Johnson, who assured me of his intention to "attack" Wollongong, didn't get much response from his players and was noticeably depressed. Lack of drive and enthusiasm among his players is one which obviously is going to be the number one on the priority list in the weeks before the start of the State League.

Wollongong, without a couple of key players, was happy with the scoreline and also with the performance of their players generally. We presume that you became negligent when you win by a 5-0 margin.

Manly 1 APIA 1

Goals: Manly: Falconer; **APIA:** Bradley.

MANLY: Ellis 7, K. Falconer 4, Riley 5, J. Dick 4, Doyle 5, Geoghegan 5, Noble 6, P. Falconer 5, Chapman 4 (Smith 36m, G), Regan 4, Stuart 4 (S. Dick 68m).

APIA: Parks 5, Skellern 8, Carter 5 (Watt 67m), Bradley 5, Pullen 5, Hughes 6, Butler 6, Muller 5, Burrows 6, Gray 5, Dasgill 5.

Crowd: 250 (double-header).

If proof was needed that these fixtures are a little more than a sideshow for PSL sides, well, this was it!

The difference between Manly and APIA should be that between night and day, but it didn't really show on this hot summer night. After the early shock of Peter

Falconer's goal, APIA took until three minutes from the end of this competition's abbreviated first half to equalise, when Bradley managed to capitalise on a mistake by goalie Ellis to slot the ball into the back of the empty net for the equaliser.

In spite of this 5-0-0, Ellis can be thanked for Manly's unexpected saves before the final whistle to maintain the tie.

As for APIA, Burrows was mobile and Butler was a non-stop grafter — and that's about all that can be said about them.

Most of the excitement took place in the press box, where journalists had to try to decipher the APIA team list, which looked as if it had been written by a two-year-old using a pen without ink in it.

Just to make things "better" APIA's management cunningly put two of its players into shirts bearing numbers different from what was listed.

A NSW Federation official muttered darkly about a \$500 fine, but he is, whoever he is, should perhaps also be made to write out the Federation by-laws 500 times.

Sydney C. 3 Auburn 1

Goals: SC: Patikas, Koskima 2 incl. pen; **Auburn:** Pondekas. **Crowd:** 2280.

Referee: Wame 7. **SC HAKOAH:** Pessano 6, Carr 6, Robertson 6, Gomez 6, Bruce 7 (Mullen 64m), Patikas 6, Weabolo 6, Barnes 6, Boden 6, Koskima 1, Lees 5.

AUBURN: Walker 6, McNamery 6, Blaisy 6, Pryor 6, McDonald 4, McDonald 5, Quigley 5 (Hardwick 64m), O'Donnell 6, Turner 6, Pondekas 6, McDermid 4 (Allen 36m, 51).

Noeman immer Weabolo and Soccer striker Koskima played the only bright spots in the PSL champions' effortless win over a very, very ordinary State League opponent.

Weabolo grabbed his chance in first grade (even if somewhat of an easy version) with both hands — or rather feet.

He is ambitious, tough and inventive — and possesses one of the hardest shots around. It really was unlucky for him not to score.

Koskima did — twice. One was a penalty converted after a rather needless handball by Prigodnik, but the other, five minutes from the end, was a thundering beauty from about 25 metres.

The only highlight for hapless Auburn was a long way from the glory days of Len Quested and Andy Henderson — was its unexpected equaliser in the 10th minute.

Sullivan sent over a beautifully judged floating cross from the left wing and Pondekas flung himself into its path for a magnificent diving header.

Billy gets three, Morgan sent off

ALBION ROVERS 2 (Nisbet pen., McMillan) **FRANKSTON CITY 3** (Buchanan 3) at Selwyn Park.

ALBION: Lockock 5, Nisbet 7, McMillan 5, Murray 4 (Gart 70th), Creany 5, Reilly 8, Ferrie 5, Smart 4, Gilmour 6, D'Sylva 7, Spiteri 3.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7, Ormond 5, Campbell 5, Wright 4, Drinacsky 5, Todd 6, Ferdinotis 5, Delyannis 5, Buchanan 8, Burroughs 6, Parks 4.

The extent to which the wind spoiled this game is shown by the fact that all five goals were scored at the one end, with Frankston, with the wind behind it, going in at half-time with a 3-0 lead, only for Albion to pull back to 3-2 in the second

half, when Bobby Nisbet scored. From the penalty spot, Graham Tutill was lucky not to be sent off as he over-vigourously dissented with referee Michael Gault and actually pushed the referee away with both hands, only to be awarded a yellow card.

When, nine minutes later, Frankston's Andy McMillan jumped high above Dave Gilbert to nod home Ken Smart's high floating cross, it seemed that Albion's pressure would wear Frankston down, but the home side fiddled away, and as the breeze died, so did Albion's chances.

Albion's best were Gerry Reilly, Mick D'Sylva and as usual, Bobby Nisbet, but the other newcomers failed to flatter. Frankston was well served by Dave Gilbert, Paul Drinacsky and of course, Bill Buchanan.

Albion was penned in its own half for most of the period, and on the stroke of half-time Kevin Burroughs found himself with only Lockock to beat after a long high clearance and bounced over the Albion defence.

Burroughs clashed with the onrushing Lockock, the ball bounced clear, and Buchanan cooped it back into the net for his hat-trick.

Albion started to make inroads into Frankston's lead in the first minute of the

This weekend's Buffalo Cup games with likely winners in capitals: **Frankston City v SUNSHINE** at Centenary Park, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

ALBION ROVERS v Northcote at Selwyn Park, Saturday, 3.45 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Polonia (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

George Cross v Hellas-Hakoah (draw) at Selwyn Park, Sunday, 3.45 pm.

GEORGE CROSS: Hunter 6, Morgan 6 (sent off 80th), McKinlay 8, T. Valle 6, Wilkinson 6, McCann 8, Salvo 7, Matland 6, Toal 9, Farmer 7, Mizzzi 7.

Damien Morgan was sent off after a behind the play clash with Polonia striker Brendan Lalic as George Cross broke through for its first Buffalo Cup victory.

Cross newcomer, Alvaro Salvo did well in his debut. Salvo previously was with South Melbourne Hellas.

Cross is keen to sign Slavia defender Neville Haupt while transfer listed Cross midfielder, Dave Rigby, has had talks with Sunshine.

HELLAS-HAKOAH 2 (Verniers o.g., Bitsonis) **RINGWOOD WILHELMNIA 1** (Streust) at Middle Park.

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryzzer 7, Davidson 6, Jordenov 6, Hannah 8, Wilson 8, Gadsby 7, Webster 9, Owens 7 (Abraham H.T. 8), McClunie 6 (Bitsonis 73rd), Kalogeros 7, Kalam-boka 7.

WILHELMNIA: Barclay 7, Pasman 5, de Graaf 5, Luyten 6, Verniers 4, O'Reilly 5, Brooks 6, Gibson 6, Nyhalt 6 (Streust H.T. 6), Hoyland 7, Thom 6 (Gosier 50th, 51).

SUNSHINE 2 NORTH-COTE 0

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Smallman to get new start at Ajax

By PAUL MOON

Green Gully
Ajax's decision to sign David Smallman has given the former international an opportunity to salvage his career, after being cast on the soccer rubbish dump.

For it is just over a year since the Welshman was informed his playing days were almost certainly over, destroyed by a series of cruel injuries.

Born in Connah's Quay, North Wales, he joined the region's only professional outfit, Wrexham, in 1972 and made his first team debut in September of that year. Instantly looking the part, Smallman scored 11 goals from 33 appearances during that season and was rewarded with the first of five under-23 caps.

Additional international experience came in the European Cup Winners' Cup when the gallant Third Division side bowed only to Yugoslav giant Hajduk Split on the away goal ruling.

Wrexham's Cup-fighting qualities were displayed further the following year when it advanced to the quarter finals of the F.A. Cup for the first time in its history. Crystal Palace, Middlesbrough and Southampton all were beaten in the process, and Smallman scored in each game!

The quicksilver striker was called up for senior international duty and took the field as substitute against England. He was to represent the "Red Dragons" six more times.

A \$140,000 transfer took him to First Division Everton, his boyhood favorite, which appeared to be on the verge of producing a side capable of contesting major honors for many years to come.

Just 22 years of age, already an established international, and now playing for one of the great clubs of English soccer, Smallman



Former Everton star David Smallman — soon to play for Victorian champion Ajax.

seemed set for a glittering future.

Instead of presenting him with the game's top honors though, his period at Goodison Park turned into a nightmare.

Smallman twice broke a leg, dislocated a shoulder and even suffered phlebitis. During his five seasons with the club, he was restricted to just 21 games.

Numerous attempts to regain fitness failed and placantly Everton placed him on the free transfer list, where he remained for more than a year before returning to Wrexham.

Engaged on a month-to-month basis, a change of club unfortunately did not bring a change of luck and further attempts at a comeback proved futile.

Sadly Smallman bowed out of English League soccer in January, 1981, after claiming 43 goals in 122 appearances, a striking rate of over a goal per three matches.

He seemed destined for premature retirement when Bangor City, Wales' leading semi-professional club, and member of the Northern

Premier League, offered terms.

In this less demanding environment, Smallman's career took off again and for the first time in six years he began to enjoy the game and consistently found the net.

The Welshman has been playing regularly for less than a year however and represents a considerable risk to Green Gully.

Time alone will decide whether or not the gamble is justified.

Smallman is due in Melbourne in April.

Sharne, Muir, Sinclair hits in Hong Kong

Already Peter
Sharne has paid back a hefty portion of his \$50,000 transfer fee with a string of electric performances for Eastern, culminating in the club's Senior Shield triumph.

Rangers were comprehensively beaten 4-0 in the final, a performance which earned the flying Sharne and his teammates, including fellow Australian recruits Brian Sinclair (Wilhelmina) and Jim Muir, (Marconi) a bonus of \$1,600 each.

Sharne thrice has been chosen for the Hong Kong All Stars XI. After last season's disappointments, a change of scenery obviously has done wonders for Sharne, who cannot be discounted from further Soccerroo appearances.

Sinclair and Muir also made significant contributions towards Eastern's success.

Playing in front of ex-Norwich City goalkeeper Roger Hansbury, the experienced Colossus — like Muir has given rigidity to a previously shaky defence.

He was the hero of Eastern's Senior Shield semi-final victory over Bulova, subduing the much vaunted Charlie George.

Sinclair immediately struck up a fine understanding with Sharne, the two complementing each other excellently, but Sinclair recently has been sidelined by illness.

Injuries, loss of form by key players and internal problems hampered Eastern during the early part of the season, but it is now too far behind pace-setter Seiko to challenge for league honors.

With three major knockout tournaments still to be decided though, Messrs. Sharne, Muir and Sinclair appear destined to secure a few more jewels from Crown Colony soccer.



Marconi's Peter Sharne now starring in Hong Kong

Soccer on TV

Matches to be covered in the next few weeks by channel 0/28 for the "Pro Soccer '82":

ROUND 2 (shown this Friday):
Sydney Olympic v South Melbourne Hellas, Lambert Park
St George v Canberra City, Barton Road.
Preston Makedonia v West Adelaide, Connor Reserve
Wollongong v Sydney City, W'Gong Showground.
ROUND 3 Saturday February 27:
Newcastle KB v St George International Sports Centre, Newcastle.
Sunday February 28:
Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions, Spencer Park
Heidelberg v Sydney Olympic, Olympic Pk. No. 2.
Canberra City v Adelaide City, Bruce Stadium.
ROUND 4 Sunday March 7:
Sydney Olympic v Sydney

City, Lambert Park.
Marconi v Canberra City, Bossley Park.
South Melbourne Hellas v West Adelaide, Middle Park
Wollongong v APIA Leichhardt, W'Gong Showground
ROUND 5 Sunday March 14:
St. George v Sydney Olympic, Barton Park.
Footscray JUST v Preston Makedonia, Schintler Res.
West Adelaide v Sydney City, Hindmarsh Stadium
Canberra City v Brisbane Lions, Bruce Stadium.
ROUND 6 Sunday March 21:
South Melbourne Hellas v Brisbane City, Middle Park
Brisbane Lions v Newcastle KB, Brisbane
Adelaide City v St. George, Adelaide.
Wollongong v Footscray JUST, W'Gong Showground

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Gus a hero back home

Green Gully Ajax striker Gus
Macleod found himself cast in the role of celebrity when returning to his native Scotland for a holiday during the off season.

The mass circulation "Daily Record" carried a local-boy-makes-good feature headlined "Gus Back With Pom Plunder", in

scorer is pictured amidst some of the trophies he gained during Ajax's all-conquering 1981 campaign.

While in Scotland, Macleod (above) turned out for his old club, Pollok, but was restricted to only a handful of games by the atrocious northern winter.

Back in the warmth of Melbourne, the popular Scot looks forward to grabbing additional honors and headlines during the next few

Lerinc of St. George: 300 games at the top

In Laszlo Lerinc,
St. George has obtained an experienced, battle-hardened campaigner, who should prove invaluable during the coming months.

Bald-headed Lerinc started his career with Yugoslav Third Division club AIK Backa Topola and was in its service when called up for his country's amateur selection in 1968.

Four years later he was transferred to First Division Vojvodina Novi Sad, for which he was a regular for the following seven seasons.

A league championship runners-up medal at the end of the 1974-75 campaign was the highlight of his stay at Novi Sad.

Lerinc returned to Topola in 1980 after making more than 300 first team appearances for Vojvodina, usually at inside



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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

English crowds halved

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Ron Saunders, the Aston

Villa boss who took his team to the First Division title last season but finds it struggling this year may be the next big manager casualty after a change in contract has been virtually forced on him

Franz Thijssen, the Dutch midfield star of Ipswich Town and Player of the Year in 1980, is reported to be seeking a move after recently being relegated to sub.

Trevor Francis of Manchester City and Britain's first \$2 million player has put his house up for sale at Little Carlton near Nottingham. Asking price a cool \$250,000 for the 16-roomed house.

Martin Jol, the Dutch midfielder with West Bromwich Albion, has been cautioned seven times and sent off once in the 16 games he has played for the Birmingham club since joining it from Twente Enschede in October.

Bristol City alleges its former manager Bob Houghton ran up personal bills of over \$4000 to two restaurants which included a meal for two at \$180, a cigar at \$10, \$30 for a bottle of champagne and a tip of \$25.

Holland, which reached the last two World Cup finals, allowed wives to see their husbands at the training camps but England it's expected, will impose the traditional ban on wives and girlfriends until it is out of the competition.

Len Ashurst, hailed as a hero last season in south Wales when he took Newport County into the late stages of the UEFA Cup, has been sacked and replaced by the club's former manager Colin Addison who himself got the bullet from Derby County recently.

Scotland leaves out Jordan

Scottish manager Jock Stein, in naming his team for the friendly against World Cup host Spain in Valencia today (Wednesday) caused a stir by overlooking three of British soccer's best strikers.

Joe Jordan, Steve Archibald and Andy Gray, three powerfully-built centre-forwards, were all overlooked.

Instead, Stein preferred the greater mobility of players like Alan Brazil of Ipswich and Dundee United's Paul Sturrock to team up with Kenny Dalglish, who is playing as well as ever for European champions Liverpool.

Jordan's omission was the biggest surprise. He led the Scottish attack in the last two World Cup finals and was widely regarded as a certainty to do so again in Spain.

But he has had a troubled season with AC Milan in the Italian league, a fact which presumably influenced Stein's decision.

In leaving out Jordan, Archibald and Gray, Stein suggested that he hopes to put greater emphasis on skill and control in the finals than the tradition-



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Another bit of gloom for Wales. Cardiff City, hovering in the basement of the second division, has given its entire playing staff of 21 full-timers the ultimatum: Improve or be sacked.

Bristol City's first home match after its crisis saw the directors fork out for their seats and normal free drinks in the boardroom were taboo.

England virtually has banned its fans for the centenary international with Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on May 29 by confirming it won't seek an allocation of tickets for the game, obviously on account of the shameful behavior of some of its fans abroad.

Northern Ireland star and last of the Bushy Babes with Manchester United, Sammy McIlroy

has moved to Stoke City for \$700,000. McIlroy, 27, was considered the last of the players discovered by Matt Busby, and had been at Old Trafford for 13 years.

Eintracht Frankfurt is reported to be more than \$2 million in debt and has been warned that unless it sorts itself out quickly it could be thrown out of the league at the end of the season.

Poland as I write has its 19-man international squad in Italy playing a series of warm-up games against club sides. Question being asked: Will it still have 19 players when it returns to Poland?

GERMANY HAS MOST GOALS

West Germany has the highest goal-scoring rate among the European leagues.

Goals per game:

1. West Germany	3.365
2. Luxembourg	3.357
3. Northern Ireland	3.261
4. Denmark	3.198
5. Switzerland	3.160
6. Iceland	2.984
7. East Germany	2.962
8. Ireland (Republic)	2.923
9. France	2.902
10. Holland	2.901
11. Scotland	2.893
12. Finland	2.886
13. Hungary	2.875
14. Argentina (Metropolitan)	2.790
15. Sweden	2.788
16. Belgium	2.736
17. Norway	2.725
18. Austria	2.719
19. Czechoslovakia	2.674
20. Bulgaria	2.663
21. Portugal	2.654
22. Romania	2.611
23. England	2.556
24. Algeria	2.526
25. Spain	2.500
26. Yugoslavia	2.426
27. Greece	2.422
28. Russia	2.277
29. Poland	2.242
30. Israel	2.027
31. Italy	2.021
32. Morocco	1.974
33. Turkey	1.880

Figuerola moves

TRANSFERS ... Brazilian striker Alberto Silva Lemos "Luisinho" from America de Rio (Brazil) to Union Deportiva Las Palmas (Spain) for 200,000 dollars ... Chilean international defender Elias Figuerola from Fort Lauderdale Strikers (US) to Colo Colo (Chile).
SIGNING ... Brazilian international winger Serginho has re-signed with Sao Paulo FC for two years at a reported monthly salary of \$6500 (Zico, Flamengo's international midfielder, is reported to earn \$23,700 a month).

Stars on loan

Manchester City has let veteran winger Tommy Hutchison and striker Phil Boyer join Hong Kong club Bulova on a three-month loan.
Hutchison's move is the more surprising for he has been a regular first team player for City since his arrival 16 months ago and has made 25 first team appearances this season, plus two as substitute.
Hutchison, 34, was signed from Coventry for a giveaway 47,000 stg (\$0,000 Aust Dollars) and scored at both ends in last season's F.A. Cup final against Spurs.
Boyer joined City from Southampton for 225,000 stg (\$72,500 Aust Dollars) a month after Hutchison, but soon suffered a serious knee injury which restricted his appearances.

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'Dracula's' cuddly, really

Bulldog Bobby, England's controversial World Cup mascot, bared his fangs on the hallowed turf of Wembley — and tried to win himself a new cuddly image.

There to help him were soccer stars Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore. As they posed with a 2.13 metre model of Bulldog Bobby, they laughed off suggestions that the emblem would emphasise the violent reputation of England fans.

Bobby Charlton said: "I

don't understand all this criticism. Look at him, he's a harmless, cuddly little thing isn't he?"

Bobby Moore added: "When I look at him, I can't see anything bad at all."

Criticism of Bulldog Bobby has been well-represented by Sports Minister Neil MacFarlane condemning him as an 'inane animal' which could increase the danger of "Brit bashing" during the World Cup in Spain this summer.

Earlier this month, in a High Court case which banned the unauthorised use of the emblem on a product, Mr Justice Walton said he thought Bulldog Bobby looked like "Dracula on the Chelsea Terrace".

Bobby made his official appearance to launch a range of World Cup souvenir products from more than 30 companies licensed by the Football Association (FA).

The goods range from bobble hats and birds to a saucy bra, pants and suspender.

The FA hopes to raise up to 750,000 stg (1,275,000 Aust dollars) from the souvenirs, all of which will go to its youth trust to provide facilities and training for players under 21.

Bobby Charlton thought Bulldog Bobby would do a marvellous job for young footballers.

The only way to deal with the violence feared in Spain was to launch a campaign "to make sure that everybody is really aware of the consequences if they misbehave", he said.

He added: "The Spanish love the English and I want them to have the same respect for us after the World Cup."

The man sweltering inside the model of Bobby, model maker Jack Edgar, of Manchester, thought the character was "cuddly".

He added: "If thugs want to go to Spain, they would act just the same if the emblem was a pussycat."

Rufer here?

New Zealand soccer star Wynton Rufer is likely to join the exodus of top players to Australia, before New Zealand starts its World Cup build-up in May.

Rufer, who has been refused a work permit to join the English club Norwich City, said in an interview that it was now unlikely he would be allowed to play in England.

"I may go to Australia for two months. I have had a talk with a guy from Sydney City and there is a good chance I will play with that club."

Rufer, who scored New Zealand's only goal against Hungary in Christchurch last week has been offered a contract with top Zurich club Grasshoppers, but that will not be taken any further until after the World Cup in Spain.

SPAIN'S MORE PLEASANT

Watching a soccer match in England is vastly different to watching one in Spain, concluded Paul Gardner, the English soccer journalist now resident in America. Gardner spoke of the differences on BBC radio recently while on a visit to Europe.

Gardner told of how he had been to a First Division match in London and of how it had been difficult not to feel the tension in the crowd, a tension due not to the game but due to an everpresent sense of latent violence. Every now and then a spectator would fall foul of the law and be dragged off by the constabulary.

Leaving the ground afterwards was a bit of an ordeal too as there was considerable rowdiness and a number of arrests.

Madrid provided a complete contrast. Gardner attended a Real Madrid home game and it was like attending a carnival. Outside the ground a market was in progress, with lots of people strolling leisurely amongst the stalls, rides and other entertainments.

As the teams came onto the field, the Real Madrid players kicked 20 new leather Adidas "Tango" balls into the crowd. As the man, standing near Gardner, caught one and held it triumphantly aloft to the cheers of the spectators around him, Can you imagine that happening at an English ground? Gardner couldn't.

Real Madrid won the match to cap off an exciting, pleasant, trouble-free day for Gardner. One thing he did notice, however, was a distinct lack of young people at the game. There was a far greater proportion of young people amongst the spectators at the London game. Ticket prices are high in Spain, especially for important matches, and many youngsters prefer to spend their money on other pursuits. This is not a good sign for Spanish soccer. But, then, the World Cup might change all that!

— WALTER PLESS

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England — Ireland

Squads for the England-Ireland game at Wembley yesterday (Tuesday):

ENGLAND — Goalkeepers: Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest).

Defenders: Phil Neal, Phil Thomson (both Liverpool), Dave Watson (Stoke), Steven Foster (Brighton), Viv Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal).

Midfield: Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell and Bryan Robson (all Manchester United), Trevor Brooking (West Ham).

Forwards: Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Trevor Francis (Manchester City), Tony Woodcock (Cologne), Cyril Regis (West Brom), Peter Withe and Tony Morely (both Aston Villa).

NORTHERN IRELAND — Goalkeepers: Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Jim Platt (Middlesbrough).

Defenders: Jimmy Nicholl (Sunderland), Chris Nicholl (Southampton), Mal Donaghy (Luton), Sammy Nelson (Brighton), John O'Neill (Leicester).

Midfield: Gerry McElhinney (Bolton), Martin O'Neill (Norwich), Tommy Cassidy (Burnley), Sammy McIlroy (Stoke), Dave McCreery (Tulsa).

Forwards: Noel Broderstone (Blackburn), Terry Cochrane (Middlesbrough), Gerry Armstrong (Watford), Billy Hamilton (Burnley).



Frank Munro (right) in action for Juventus against Frankston City guest player Martin Chivers.

Bremner offered me a bribe: Frank Munro

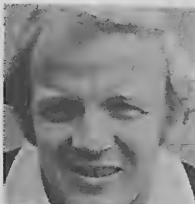
Former South Melbourne Hellas star Frank Munro, now coach of State League club Albion Rovers, has claimed he was offered a bribe by Billy Bremner while playing in England.

Munro told a High Court libel jury white back in England recently, that while he was playing for Wolves, Bremner offered him a bribe of 5000 pounds.

Munro said he skipped the Wolverhampton side against Bremner's Leeds United in a vital 1972 League match. Play was at the other end of the field

when Bremner said to him: "Big man, I will give you five grand if you give away a penalty."

No other player was near enough to hear Bremner's request — made twice. On each occasion he replied "You're not on, Billy."



Billy Bremner



Mario Kempes, star of River Plate and Argentina, defending champion in the 1982 World Cup.

Players demand \$1000, then, they walk off

Take heart Australia! It seems that world champions have their problems too. Argentina faced a crisis as its players prepared to enter a training camp on February 14 in preparation for the World Cup finals.

By WALTER PLESS

The crisis concerns the possible suspension of 16 players from the River Plate club, eight of whom are members of the national squad.

The problem with the River Plate players arose because of a friendly match that the club was to play against Uruguayan club, Penarol. The players were offered \$800 for a win, \$400 for a draw and \$200 if they lost.

With 10,000 spectators already inside the stadium and with a national television audience tuning its sets in anticipation, the River Plate players refused to take the field. They demanded \$1000 a man, regardless of the result.

The game was called off and the River Plate directors were considering suspending all 16 players in the squad. If the club does suspend the players, it is almost certain that

the Argentine Football Association will follow suit and that means that Menotti will lose the services of eight important players, including Kempes, Filioi and Passarella.

With the Argentine national championship due to get underway on 15 February, Diego Maradona's club, Boca Juniors, also has problems.

The club is unable to pay its players and they, in turn, threatened to walk out before the first match. A compromise was reached, however, and the players have agreed to accept cars and apartments owned by the club in lieu of cash.

End of Menotti?

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI is on the way out . . . or, at least, he will be after July 11.

That's the date of the World Cup Final in Madrid, the date which will also bring to an end a remarkable era in the history of Argentine football.

For that is when Menotti's contract runs out and he has made it clear several times over that he will then step down after almost eight years in charge.

When Menotti took over, Argentine football was feared for the 'dirty tricks' legacy from clubs such as Estudiantes de la Plata, World Club Cup-winners in 1968. Now, as Menotti prepares to call it a day, Argentine football is once more feared — but this time for the brilliant skills and devastating finishing power demonstrated by Menotti's star pupils, Diego Maradona, Mario Kempes, Osvaldo Ardiles and Ramon Diaz.

He says: "The problem with Argentine football was that for many years it existed in total confusion. After a lot of defeats and setbacks

people became more concerned trying to copy other styles than get back to our own."

"A German team can't play like a Spanish team, or vice versa. Every nation's football has different characteristics. If I have achieved anything, it is in giving Argentine football faith in itself, in our own style of play."

"Obviously I have tried to incorporate ideas from European football — but only those things which do not conflict with the basic Argentine style."

"You can't ask players to do something they're not born to. You couldn't ask Sinatra to sing a tango better than Gardel, any more than you would have asked Gardel to sing Strangers in the Night better than Sinatra."

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES AND 6 YEARS HOME RESULTS

English and Scottish League Fixtures for Season 1981-82
Matches played on ground of first mentioned Club

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1982

English League — Division IV	
Colchester United v Rochdale	1-0
Stockport County v Wigan Athletic	0-1 1-2 0-1

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1982

English League — Division I	
Arsenal v Swansea City	1-0 2-2 1-1 1-1 3-0 1-0
Brighton v West Bromwich Albion	2-0 3-2 2-1 0-0 1-2
Leeds United v Liverpool	0-3 1-1 1-2 0-3 1-1 0-0
Manchester United v Manchester City	2-0 3-1 2-2 1-0 1-0 2-2
Nottingham Forest v Middlesbrough	4-0 2-2 2-2 1-0
Southampton v Birmingham City	1-0 3-1 1-0 1-0
Stoke City v Tottenham Hotspur	1-2 0-0 1-3 3-1 2-3
Sunderland v Notts County	4-0 3-1 3-0 3-1
Wolverhampton v Ipswich Town	1-0 0-0 1-3 3-0 0-2

English League — Division II	
Barnley v Blackburn Rovers	1-1
Cambridge United v Grimsby Town	5-1
Cardiff City v Sheffield Wednesday	2-0
Charlton Athletic v Shrewsbury Town	2-1 0-0
Derby County v Newcastle United	3-2 4-2 1-1 2-0
Leicester City v Bolton Wanderers	2-3 1-0 0-1 6-1 0-0 1-2
Luton Town v Oldham Athletic	2-3 2-0 1-1 1-1
Northwich City v Queens Park Rangers	1-0 1-1
Orient v Watford	4-1 1-1
Rotherham United v Crystal Palace	2-0 0-4
Wrexham v Chelsea	2-0 0-4

English League — Division III	
Brentford v Exeter City	5-1 1-0 0-0 0-2 0-1
Bristol Rovers v Southend United	1-3
Bury v Portsmouth	2-2 2-0 2-1 2-2
Carlisle United v Swindon Town	4-0
Chesham v Reading	5-1 1-0 2-2 0-0 1-3
Doncaster Rovers v Newport County	2-2
Luton Town v Oldham Athletic	1-1 2-0 0-1 0-1
Gillingham v Plymouth Argyle	2-0 4-1 0-0 0-1 0-1
Oxford United v Chester	1-1
Preston North End v Bristol City	1-1
Walsall v Millwall	0-1
Wimbledon v Lincoln City	0-0

English League — Division IV	
Bury v Tranmere Rovers	2-1 1-0 1-0 2-2
Darlington v York City	0-2 0-1 2-1 0-0
Halifax Town v Hereford United	0-1
Hull City v Mansfield Town	0-2 3-0 3-1
Northampton Town v Bournemouth	6-0 1-0 4-2 0-1 0-1
Peterborough United v Hartlepool United	2-0 1-1
Sheff Wed United v Port Vale	2-0 1-1
Torquay United v Blackpool	2-0 1-1

Scottish Premier League	
Aberdeen v Dundee	0-1 2-1
Airdrie v Partick Thistle	0-0
Dundee United v St Mirren	2-0 2-1 1-1 0-0
Hibernian v Celtic	2-0 1-1 2-1 1-3
Rangers v Morton	3-0 2-2 4-0

Scottish League — Division I	
Cydebank v Falkirk	4-1
Dunfermline v Hamilton	0-4
East Stirling v Dumbarton	1-2
Hearts v Raith Rovers	0-1
Kilmarnock v Ayr United	0-1 1-2
Motherwell v Queen's Park	2-2 1-2 5-2
St Johnstone v Queen of the South	2-2 1-2 5-2

Scottish League — Division II	
Albion Rovers v Montrose	1-1 2-2
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath	1-0 0-0 3-0 0-0
Berwick Rangers v Meadowbank Thistle	0-4 3-1 0-2 1-2 1-1
Brackish City v Spitzer	0-0 0-0 1-1
Clyde v Stirling Albion	1-2 2-2 0-0
East Fife v Forfar Athletic	0-1 3-0 0-2 3-1 1-1
Stenhousemuir v Alloa	0-1 3-0 0-2 3-1 1-1

SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1982

English League — Division IV	
Aldershot v Bradford City	2-1 6-0 3-1 1-1
Scunthorpe United v Crewe Alexandra	1-0 4-0 3-0 2-0 1-1 1-1

YUGOSLAV

Zeljko Zeceljic, Benjivo 1 Hajduk Split 2, Buducnost Titograd 2 Radnicki Nis 0, Velez Mostar 2 OFK Beograd 0, Dinamo Zagreb 3 Rad Star Belgrade 0, Vardar Skopje 1 Sloboda Tuzla 0, Olimpija Ljubljana 3 Tekela Tuzla 0, Deljak 1 Barjevo 1, Rijeka 2 Zagreb 0, Partizan Belgrade 2 Vojvodina Novi Sad 0.

GREECE

Aek 1 Panathinaikos 0, Aris 4 Kavala 0, Doxa 0 Paok 1, Kastoria 2 Yennina 0, Larisa 0 Panionios 1, Olympiakos 1 Iraklis 0, OFI 1 Korinthos 0, Panseleas 0 Apollon 0, Rodos 1 Ethnikos 2.

AUSTRIA

Austria Wien 4 SVW Innsbruck 1, Austria Salzburg 0 Rapid Wien 3, Laak 0 Admira Wacker 2, Sturm 0, Grazer 0, Wiener Sportclub 2, Vsest 0, Rapid Wien 20 12 5 3 41 20 29, Austria Wien 20 11 5 4 26 18 27, Admira Wacker 20 11 3 34 21 25, San Jose 19 8 3 33 24 18, Gak 20 7 5 22 27 18.

POLAND

Poland beat a combined international-AC Milan side 2-1 (half-time 1-0) in a World Soccer Cup warm-up match in Milan.

Scorers: Poland: Smolarek, Borisek. Milan: Sorana.

Benfica 0 Sporting 0, Penafiel 3 Castelo Branco 0, Braga 1 Amore 0, Alcabaca 1 Rio Ave 0, Porto 8 Espinho 1, Juventude Evora 1 Oeiras 0, Sporting 1 Balançosa 0, Leixoes 2 Maritimo do Funchal 0.

FRANCE

Nice 0 Monaco 2, Montpellier 2 Lille 1, Lyons 0 St-Etienne 1, Bordeaux 4 Bastia 0, Lens 3 Sochaux 2, Nantes 1 Levallo 0, Bastia 2 Metz 2, Auxerre 1 Tours 2, Valenciennes 0 Strasbourg 0.

Saint-Etienne 27 18 5 55 31 23, Monaco 27 18 5 44 24 27, Sochaux 27 13 8 42 32 37, Paris 27 13 7 35 23 33.

HOLLAND

First Division: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 PSV Eindhoven 2, Utrecht 2 Mac Breda 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1 De Graafschap 0, Haarlem 1 The Hague 1.

Cup Quarter-Finals (first leg): Heracles Almelo 3 Sparta Rotterdam 1, AZ-67 Alkmaar 6 Psv Zwolle 1.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division One: Birmingham City 0 Aston Villa 1 (White), Brighton 0 Nottingham Forest 1 (Ward), Leeds United 0 Ipswich Town 2 (Brazil, Mills), Liverpool 4 (Rounes, Lee, Rush, McDermott pen), Coventry City 0, Manchester United 0 Arsenal 0, Notts County 4 (McColloch 2, Mair 2), Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Southampton 2 (Armstrong, Chapman), West Ham 1 (Stewart pen), Stoke City 2 (O'Callaghan, Chapman), Middlesbrough 0, Sunderland 0, Swansea 1 (L. James), Tottenham Hotspur 2 (Hodds, 1 pen), Manchester City 0, West Bromwich Albion 0, Everton 0.

DIVISION TWO

Bolton Wanderers 0, Rotherham 1, Cambridge United 0, Oldham Athletic 0, Cardiff City 0, Barnsley 0, Charlton Athletic 1, Wrexham 0, Leicester City 1, Blackburn Rovers 0, Norwich 2, Chelsea 1, Queens Park Rangers 3, Derby County 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1, Grimsby Town 1, Shrewsbury Town 0, Newcastle United 0, Watford 1, Luton Town 1.

DIVISION THREE

Brentford 2, Newport County 0, Bristol City 0, Portsmouth 1, Burnley 1, Millwall 1, Chester 3, Huddersfield Town 1, Chesterfield 2, Plymouth Argyle 2, Exeter City 1, Gillingham 1.

Scores, ladders

Ingtham 1, Lincoln City 1, Walsall 1, Oxford United 2, Carlisle United 1, Preston North End 3, Doncaster Rovers 1, Reading 1, Swindon Town 1, Wimbledon 1, Bristol Rovers 0.

DIVISION FOUR

Darlington 2, Bury 3, Halifax Town 0, Blackpool 0, Hereford United 2, Northampton Town 1, Hull City 8, Hartlepool 2, Mansfield Town 1, Aldershot 0, Rochdale 0, Bournemouth 1, Scunthorpe United 2, Sheffield United 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Premier Division: Aberdeen 3 (McGhee 2, Hewitt), Celtic 2 (McLuskey, Aiken), Partick Thistle 2 (Lindsay, Watson), Dundee United 1 (Sturrock), Rangers 1 (Dawson), Morton 2 (Ocherty, Hutchison), Dundee 0, St Mirren 2 (McKenna, McDougall), Hibernian 2 (Jamieson 2).

DIVISION ONE

Ayr United 0, Hearts 3, Dumbarton 2, St Johnstone 0, Falkirk 2, East Striding 0, Hamilton Academical 3, Clydebank 1, Queen of the South 2, Dunfermline Athletic 3, Queen's Park 0, Kilmarnock 2, Raith Rovers 0, Motherwell 2.

DIVISION TWO

Alloa 2, Arbroath 2, Cowdenbeath 2, Albion Rovers 3, Forfar Athletic 0, Clyde 0, Meadowbank 2, Brechin City 0, Montrose 0, Berwick Rangers 0, Stranraer 1, East Fife 2.

BASS NORTHEN IRISH CUP

Quarter-Finals: Clontarf v RUC 2, Coleraine 2, Linfield United 0, Derry City 2, Carrick Rangers 0, Larne 1, Carrick Rangers 0, Larne 1.

LEAGUE

Bangor 1, Glenavon 2, Glenavon 3, Bangor 2, Carrick Rangers 0, Larne 1, Carrick Rangers 0, Larne 1.

STANDINGS

English Division One: Southampton 15 5 7 48 38 50, Man Utd 13 7 5 38 18 48, Chelsea 14 4 23 34 48, Arsenal 13 8 22 18 45, Liverpool 16 2 4 44 44, Ipswich 12 8 44 22 42, Tottenham 12 4 8 37 22 40, Brighton 9 10 25 37 27, Nottingham Forest 10 7 27 30 37, Everton 8 8 34 31 30, Notts County 9 5 11 38 32, Stoke 9 5 12 30 32, West Ham 7 10 7 41 35 31, Aston Villa 7 9 10 28 33 30, Watford 7 7 28 33 28, Coventry 6 14 35 38 34, Leeds 6 10 10 35 34, Wolves 5 18 15 48 23, Sunderland 4 16 17 18 34, Middlesbrough 2 14 17 18 34.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Luton 15 5 3 50 25 50, Watford 13 7 5 41 27 48, Ipswich 12 8 44 22 42, Tottenham 12 4 8 37 22 40, Brighton 9 10 25 37 27, Nottingham Forest 10 7 27 30 37, Everton 8 8 34 31 30, Notts County 9 5 11 38 32, Stoke 9 5 12 30 32, West Ham 7 10 7 41 35 31, Aston Villa 7 9 10 28 33 30, Watford 7 7 28 33 28, Coventry 6 14 35 38 34, Leeds 6 10 10 35 34, Wolves 5 18 15 48 23, Sunderland 4 16 17 18 34, Middlesbrough 2 14 17 18 34.

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ENGLISH DIVISION FIVE

Luton 15 5 3 50 25 50, Watford 13 7 5 41 27 48, Ipswich 12 8 44 22 42, Tottenham 12 4 8 37 22 40, Brighton 9 10 25 37 27, Nottingham Forest 10 7 27 30 37, Everton 8 8 34 31 30, Notts County 9 5 11 38 32, Stoke 9 5 12 30 32, West Ham 7 10 7 41 35 31, Aston Villa 7 9 10 28 33 30, Watford 7 7 28 33 28, Coventry 6 14 35 38 34, Leeds 6 10 10 35 34, Wolves 5 18 15 48 23, Sunderland 4 16 17 18 34, Middlesbrough 2 14 17 18 34.

ENGLISH DIVISION SIX

Luton 15 5 3 50 25 50, Watford 13 7 5 41 27 48, Ipswich 12 8 44 22 42, Tottenham 12 4 8 37 22 40, Brighton 9 10 25 37 27, Nottingham Forest 10 7 27 30 37, Everton 8 8 34 31 30, Notts County 9 5 11 38 32, Stoke 9 5 12 30 32, West Ham 7 10 7 41 35 31, Aston Villa 7 9 10 28 33 30, Watford 7 7 28 33 28, Coventry 6 14 35 38 34, Leeds 6 10 10 35 34, Wolves 5 18 15 48 23, Sunderland 4 16 17 18 34, Middlesbrough 2 14 17 18 34.

Don't throw it away



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

It is widely known in the game that a large percentage of goals are scored from set plays (free kicks, corner, throw-ins). With this in mind it is difficult to understand why coaches and players do not spend more time practicing moves from set-plays.

Very prominent in this area of neglect is the simple throw-in. In any game, at any level, one can expect to receive more attacking throws than any other type of set play.

That in itself is sufficient reason to give the matter more thought. The throw-in represents an important tactical movement. Players sometimes work extremely hard to pressure opponents into giving the ball away. Winning a throw-in is winning possession and care should be taken to maintain that possession.

An important facet in a player's make-up is being able to maintain his concentration for the duration of the game. Players tend to relax their concentrations more at throw-ins than in any other situation. Because of this the potential danger from throw-ins is greatly underestimated.

There are a few guidelines which help the coach and players to gain maximum benefit from throw-ins.

1) If the throw is taken quickly, advantage can be taken of defending players who have momentarily lost their concentration. To best achieve this, the player nearest the ball should take the throw.

2) Obviously try to throw to an unmarked player.

3) Generally, to achieve maximum benefit from attacking play, it is best to play the ball forward past opponents. Likewise, with a throw in, it is better if it can be thrown past defenders.

4) One of the utmost considerations when passing the ball is the degree of difficulty for the receiver. The same applies with a throw-in, so the height and pace of the throw are very important. Generally a ball to feet is easier to control or a ball about chest high is easier to head back to the thrower's feet.

5) Players receiving the ball should not stand too close to the thrower. Very often players are standing in the space in which they want to receive the ball and as a result so is the defending player. Attacking players can go away from the thrower and check back in when they are ready, which generally has the effect of moving the defender and allowing perhaps a little more space in which to receive the ball.

Moving away from the thrower also can create space for the thrower to receive return passes.

6) The thrower should think in terms of supporting the player in possession after he has thrown the ball.

Teams generally have specialists for taking penalties and free kicks. Throw-in specialists can be used in the attacking zone of the field as some players can throw the ball a long way. This tactic can be very effective especially when thrown into the near-post area.

St. Albans gets Culina

Blacktown has transferred midfielder Branko Culina to Victorian Second Division club St. Albans Dinamo for \$6,000.

Culina recently returned to Melbourne for personal reasons after being a regular with Blacktown in the 1981 PSL.

Blacktown coach Hale Ruelc paid almost \$12,000 for Culina almost two years ago. Culina previously was on the books of Melbourne Croatia.

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Croydon City has proven itself as a worthy member of Victoria's State League. In 1965 the club was relegated for the only time in its history, from Metro Third to Fourth Division but bounced back two years later and in 1972 won a place in Second Division. Promotion to First Division came in 1975, and in 1978 Croydon achieved its State League status. Coaches over the years have been Aldo Defarno, Bill Oliver, Trevor Williams, Trevor Owen, Andy Wilson, Ted Dilworth, Jack McDaid, Mick Plunkett, Norm Hobson and Bill McArthur. Ken Kontra currently is at the coaching helm. The club's headquarters at Croydon Park include clubrooms which can seat 250 people. Last year Croydon announced major plans to move soon to new facilities at Travalla Road, near the Dorset Gardens Hotel.

BACK ROW: Bob Wright (from UK, 1981), Guy Bakker (juniors), Sean Keogh (Hellas, 1980), Mick Edwards (Ringwood Wilhelmina, 1973), Hayden Lyness (juniors), Des Shannon (Slavia, 1981), Jimmy Cox (juniors), Paul Wade (Slavia, 1981).

FRONT ROW: Marko Ianelli (juniors), Reno Lia (Juventus, 1980), John Howarth (now back at Mooroolbark), Mark Brown (juniors), Gary Hobson (juniors), Peter Loughnane (Shrewsbury Town, 1979).

MISSING: Steve McCombe (Slavia, 1978), Peter Denriddler (juniors), Alan Pongho (Mooroolbark, 1977), Ian Loughnane (Walspool, 1981).

Gallego blasts Maradona

Going by the statement of his national team mate Gallego, superstar Diego Maradona is not held in the highest esteem by his peers in Argentina.

"Maradona is not a professional, rather he is like a spoiled little baby and some of us are quite amazed at the special privileges he enjoys in the national squad," Gallego said while on a recent tour of Peru with River Plate.

"As a matter of fact, after the Mundial I do not plan to play for Argentina again, and the main reason is that I don't believe in unequal treatment of players within the one team."

With feelings like that coming into the open, Argentine supremo Cesar Menotti may have more than just injuries, lack of form or selection problems to worry about in the weeks to come.

— PETER SCOTT



Diego Maradona — 'a spoiled little baby'.

THE DRAW

GROUP ONE (at Vigo and Coruna): 1 Italy, 2 Poland, 3 Peru, 4 Cameroun.

GROUP TWO (Gijon and Oviedo): 5 West Germany, 6 Algeria, 7 Chile, 8 Austria.

GROUP THREE (Barcelona, Alicante and Elches): 9 Argentina, 10 Belgium, 11 Hungary, 12 El Salvador.

GROUP FOUR (Bibao and Valladolid): 13 England, 14 France, 16 Czechoslovakia, 16 Kuwait.

GROUP FIVE (Valencia and Zaragoza): 17 Spain, 18 Honduras, 19 Yugoslavia, 20 Northern Island.

GROUP SIX (Seville and Malaga): 21 Brazil, 22 Soviet Union, 23 Scotland, 24 New Zealand.

No need for witch doctors in Cameroun

BY PETER SCOTT

"Luck of the draw!" That was the general reaction of soccer "experts" around the world when news spread about Cameroun's qualification for the Mundial some months ago.

After all, Uruguay, Mexico, Wales, Portugal, Holland and the like will not be in Spain, yet we have Cameroun in the finals.

Australian soccer fans are among the few in the world who know better than instantly to dismiss this budding soccer power from consideration. All of us recall the magnificent, spectacular efforts of Cameroun's youth squad at last October's World Cup Championships, where they quickly became the outright favourites of the crowds in every game they played, gave England a hell of a scare, had victory snatched from them by a ludicrous refereeing decision in the match against the young Socceroos and pushed the Argentinians to the limits of their abilities.

It's more ignorance than objective examination of facts which causes the disparaging opinions voiced about the Cameroons.

Take their record, for instance.

Camerouni clubs have won the African Champions' Cup in 1965, 1971, 1978, 1979 and 1980. In the African version of the Cup Winners' Cup their clubs won the finals in 1975, 1979 and 1981.

In the recent World Cup eliminations Cameroun, previously famed as an exporter of bananas, cocoa, cotton, ivory and marvelously talented footballers, finally made its mark as a national team, sweeping aside challengers with a spectacular, and at the same time tough and fighting style of soccer. Perhaps the team's emblem of a lion's head should tell potential opponents something about them.



Roger Milla — Cameroun star who plays professionally for Bastia in France.

lowed by Zimbabwe (2-0 and 6-1). In the return match at Salisbury in the midst of a tropical downpour Cameroun was somewhat out of character.

While all-out attack is the team's usual forte, on this occasion heroic defence was its hallmark.

The remaining qualifiers caused few problems with a 0-1 and 6-1 against Zaire, followed by two wins in the final against Morocco (2-0 and 2-1).

Last November 29 a euphoric crowd of 120,000 sang, danced and beat its drums at Yaounde Stadium, celebrating together with its favourite sons — Cameroun had made it to Spain!

Youth Cup in Mexico

Mexico, scene of the 1968 Olympic Games and 1970 World Cup, is set for another sporting spectacular.

It's been chosen by FIFA, the world's governing body of soccer, to host the fourth FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup — The World Youth Championship — from June 4 to 19 next year.

The coming International Youth Championships of Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and CONCACAF (North, Central

"In Thomas N'Kono we have Africa's all-time greatest goalie, our grafter and director of the team, Tokoto, has already proved himself in Europe and the USA and the twin striking pair of Bahoren and Milla can find its way through any defence in the world."

Fighting words of a man who has spent many years in Africa and has completely integrated into the local attitude towards soccer — it is more than a sport, it's an important national priority.

Even just a few years ago, football clubs regularly employed the services of witch doctors, magicians and the like, who were called upon not only to chase away bad spirits and omens, but also to provide tactical advice.

Things have changed now; the previous inferiority complexes have been overcome by medical preparations, standards lifted by a 16-club national league and — unlike many of their African rivals — the sport is not based on one or two large cities.

Presently nine provinces have teams in the top league and Cameroun leads all of Africa in unearthly young talent, as witnessed in Australia last year.

There is a continuing crop of international class players who convert their talents into dollars and francs. Milla plays for Bastia, Bahoren for Cannes, Kahan is in the colors of Tours, Maya with Thonon, while Tokoto crossed the Atlantic to join Jacksonville.

But come the World Cup and all of them will change into Cameroun's colors and fight like lions to prove themselves worthy contenders.

The rest of the world can dismiss them prior to the contest itself only at their own grave risk!

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TO ΘΕΡΙΝΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΤΗΣ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

Συνεχίζεται την Κυριακή 28 Φεβρουαρίου το θερινό πρωτάθλημα της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ στο γήπεδο του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν με τις εξής συναντήσεις:

ΠΑΝΣΕΡΡΑΙΚΟΣ - ΚΩΦΩΝΤ

ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ - Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

ΑΠΟΛΩΝ - ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ ΣΙΤΥ

ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ - ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ

Οι άγώνες αρχίζουν στις 1.00 μ.μ.

ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Τό πρόγραμμα της Κυριακής για το θερινό κύπελλο του Μορντιάλλοκ έχει ως εξής:

12.30 ΤΣΑΝΤΟΝ - ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

2.10 ΜΠΡΑΥΤΟΝ - ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ

3.50 ΕΝ.ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ - ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ

5.30 ΔΟΞΑ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Οι ομάδες του Λεωνίδα και του Σπρίνκ-βαϊλ δέν αγωνίζονται.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Τόν 'Ηλια Κουλούνα απέκτησε η Ένωση Ποντίων από το Κλίφτον Χίλλ ό οποίος θα ενισχύσει θετικά την άμυνα του συλλόγου.

Τό Δ.Συμβούλιο εύχαριστεί τούς ανθρώπους του Κλίφτον Χίλλ για την παραχώρηση του παίκτη και πιστεύει ή συνεργασία να είναι άμοιβαία και από τις δύο πλευρές στο μέλλον.

Είναι αδύνατον να αρχίσει προπονήσεις ό 'Ηρακλής Χαϊτίδης με την ομάδα του παρά τού ότι έβγαλε τόν γύφο από τό πόδι του γιατί έχει αρκετές ένοχλήσεις.

Έπισης ή άμυντική γραμμή της Ένωσης Ποντίων, όπως και πέρσι, θα ενισχυθεί με την παρουσία τού πεπειραμένου Μάνου Ηλίλου στο νέο πρωτάθλημα.

Οι προπονήσεις γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Παρασκευή στο γήπεδο τού Τέχνικαλ Σκουλ τού Ρίτσμοντ.

ΔΟΞΑ - ΣΠΙΝΚΒΑΙΛΑ 3 - 1

Για τό θερινό τουρνουά τού Μορντιάλλοκ ή δόξα Γιάραβιλ άν και στο 1ο λεπτό δέχθηκε γκολ από τό Σπρίνκβαϊλ στην συνέχεια πήρε την υπεροχή και πέτυχε δύο γκολ μέ τούς Πετρίους και Καλιπότ. Έτσι ή έναρξη τού Β'μέρους την βρήκε να προηγείται στο σκόρ με 2-1 κάτι που την έκανε να παίζει πιο άνετα και να φτιάξει τό 3-1 με πέναλτυ πού κτύπησε ό Τερζάκης.

Τό Σπρίνκβαϊλ στάθηκε καλύτερα στο Α' μέρος. Η δόξα είχε δύο δοκάρια μέ τούς Παπαχριστοδούλου και Άμανατίδη ενώ χάθηκαν κλασικές εύκαιρίες από τούς Ξανθόπουλο και Άμανατίδη.

Μέ την δόξα έπαιξαν οι Ν. Άποστολίδης, Άμανατίδης, Δημητρίου, Ντ. Άποστολίδης, Τερζάκης, Πετρίδης, Καραπαναγιωτίδης, Παπαχριστοδούλου, Χύτας, Ξανθόπουλος και Καλιπότς. Έπισης χρησιμοποιήθηκαν οι: Κ. Γκιλάτς, Τζάμπαζης, Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Ντέντες και Τζίμης Τσοκλινίδης.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ 3 - 2

Τό καλύτερο παίγνιό της περασμένης Κυριακής ήταν μεταξύ τού Μάλβερν και της Ένωσης Ποντίων. Τό Μάλβερν πού προηγήθηκε με δύο γκολ τού Γεωργιάδη ήταν σίγουρο για την νίκη του αλλά ή Ένωση Ποντίων στή τελευταία 17 λεπτά πέτυχε τό άκατόρθωτο και με τρία τέρματα τού Χρήστου Κουτρονικίδη πήρε τούς δύο βαθμούς.

Από την ομάδα τών Ποντίων δέν βύτηρησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι: Λέρης, Μ.Μπακόπουλος, Γ.Φελεκίδης, Τζ.Μπακόπουλος, Καζάκης, Κατόλικο, Στήβ Κουτρονικίδης, Πολίνο, Λιγυδάκης, Χρ.Κουτρονικίδης, Μανιάτης και Ίπδακς.

ΑΠΟΛΩΝ - ΜΠΡΑΥΤΟΝ 1 - 0

Μέ ένα τέρμα πού πέτυχε ό Στρατήκης τού Λεωνίδα, ή ομάδα τού Μπράνσγουϊκ πήρε την πολύτιμη νίκη.

ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Άρχισε προπομήσεις με την ομάδα τού ό Γιάργος Λαδάς ό οποίος είχε τραυματισθεί στο γόνατο.

Σεπεράσθηκε και τό τελευταίο έμπόδιο για τό κτίσιμο της λέσχης στο γήπεδο τού Μορντιάλλοκ.

Συγκεκριμένα τό Ύπουργείο Ύγεινής ένέκρινε τό σχέδιο.

Έτσι ή άνέγερση θα αρχίσει πολύ σύντομα. Είναι και αυτή μία άπόδειξη τού κατάρτος σταθερά έργάζεται τό Δ.Συμβούλιο τού συλλόγου με πρόεδρο τόν φιλότιμο κ.Γιάνη Μπρωμίδα.

ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ

Τό νέο Δ.Συμβούλιο τού Πέλοπα είναι τό εξής: Πρόεδρος: Ν.Πανατζής, Άντιπρόεδρος: Γ.Ροβάτσος, Γραμματέας: Χ.Φιλίππου, Ταμίας: Άρης Μπαλλής, Έπί τού Τύπου: Π.Νεοφώτιστος, Ύπεύθυνος γηπέδου: Χ.Γκοτζώνης - Στήβ Γκόυερ, Σύμβουλοι: Α.Παλαντινής, Μπ.Χασάκης, Κ.Μπάστας, Α.Τενκετζής, Δ.Τάσπαρης.

Προπονητής τού συλλόγου είναι ό Γιάνης Κουρεβέλης.

ΗΕΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ

Άρχισαν οι προπονήσεις της 'Ηστ Άλτόνας στο γήπεδό της και όσοι παίκτες θέλουν να φορέσουν την φανέλλα τού συλλόγου να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 314-8303.

ΖΗΤΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΠΡΟΠΟΝΗΤΕΣ

Η δόξα Γιάραβιλ ζητάει προπονητές για τά Τζούνιους. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στόν πρόεδρο κ.Άμανατίδη στόν άριθμό 682068.

ΓΟΥΣΕΤ ΓΙΟΥΝΑΙΤΕΝΤ

Οι προπονητές τών ομάδων Τζούνιους τού συλλόγου είναι οι εξής: UII Γιάνης Στεφανίδης. UI2 Γιάνης Παπατριάνος. UI3 Ν.Καραμέρος. UI4 Τζό Μπένετ. UI5 Γ. Άντόνοβιτς.

ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ - ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ 1 - 0

Μεγάλη νίκη πέτυχε ή Κλαρίντα επί τού Μορντιάλλοκ 1 - 0 και πέρασε 1η στόν βαθμολογικό πίνακα τού Α'δύλου.

Τό μοναδικό τέρμα πέτυχε ό Τοπαλίδης από πέναλτυ.

Η νικήτρια ήταν πιο και κεφάτη και πιο δυνατή.

Τό Μορντιάλλοκ πού έπαιξε χωρίς τόν Μιχαλόπουλο ήταν καλό κατά διοστήματα.

Η σύνθεση: Νικολάου, Καραβασίλης, Λαζόγας, Κοντίσι, Λάμπρου, Ζορζοβίλης, Γιαννάκης, Ίβκας, Άνστασιάδης, Θάλας και Ράβ.

ΤΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΤΗΣ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

Για τό θερινό κύπελλο της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ σημειώθηκαν τά εξής αποτελέσματα:

ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ - ΚΩΦΩΝΤ 1 - 0

Η Φλώρινα άν και προηγήθηκε στο σκόρ 1 - 0 τελικά έχασε από την Κωφώνη με 2 - 1.

ΠΑΝΣΕΡΡΑΙΚΟΣ - ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ ΣΙΤΥ 3 - 1

Άνετη νίκη πήρε ό Πανσερραϊκός επί τού Σέντραλ Σίτυ και έθεσε ύποψηφιότητα για τόν τελικό.

ΑΠΟΛΩΝ - ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛΑ 2 - 1

Μεγάλη και έκπληκτική νίκη πήρε ό ΑΠΟΛΩΝ άπό τό Κλίφτον Χίλλ με 2-1.

Στο σκόρ προηγήθηκε ό Άπόλλων και τό Κλίφτον Χίλλ ίσοφάρισε για να δεχθεί στην συνέχεια γκολ και να χάσει.

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ - ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ 2 - 2

Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔΕ προηγήθηκε με 2-0 επί τού Παλληνίου και με γκολ τών Γκίσιου και Λαζαρίδη αλλά στην συνέχεια ίσοφάρισθηκε από την κυκλόθεν του Ξανθού.

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